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Earthquakes rumble region

Beirutis inspect damage from an earthquake yesterday that could be felt in Lebanon, Israel and Syria. Story, Page 12. (Reuters)

Ross to press Arafat on terror

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

US special Mideast envoy Dennis Ross is arriving today on an urgent mission to try to prevail on Israel and the Palestinians to exercise maximal restraint and avert the eruption of violence on Sunday's Land Day.



Dennis Ross. (AP)

Police prepare for Land Day protests, Page 2

President Bill Clinton said he had dispatched Ross to the region, "because I'm concerned about the peace process. We have been talking among ourselves here intensely over the last several days about whether there are some ideas we ought to advance with the Israelis and the Palestinians, and particularly what we can do to minimize the violence and to get the negotiations back going."

Morocco, on his way to Israel, is expected to demand from him firm steps demonstrating his unequivocal objection to terrorism.

The visit will be Ross's first since he brokered the Hebron accord in mid-January.

A US official stressed the importance of both Israel and the Palestinians making the utmost

effort to control the situation and act with maximum restraint on Land Day. He spoke of "lowering the rhetoric," decreasing the tension, and finding ways to reestablish the partnership.

Ross will make it clear to Arafat that he must take "demonstrable and observable" steps against terrorism, and "reverse the perceived signal for violence. Nothing will be achieved unless the PA takes back that green light," the official said.

He stressed that terrorism is totally unacceptable and cannot be a factor in the negotiations. The US has told Arafat that it is disappointed that, at a time of such stress, he is traveling elsewhere, when he should be here, he added.

He said he expects Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss his proposal to go straight to permanent settlement talks with Ross, while the Palestinians will raise future redeployment.

Only after Ross returns to Washington and briefs Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and other senior officials

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Riots continue in territories

By JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian students tried to storm Israeli checkpoints outside Ramallah yesterday, following more violence in Bethlehem and Hebron, where almost daily protests have erupted near IDF checkpoints since last Friday.

The riot developed quickly and lasted for almost two hours. Palestinian sources reported 22 people were injured, mostly by rubber bullets and tear gas.

In Bethlehem, the Palestinian Police quickly dispersed rioters who had burned an Israeli and an American flag. A protester shouting through a bullhorn said, "We will continue the struggle to stop the Judaizing of Jerusalem."

Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub was on hand in Bethlehem, calling on police to separate the

protesters and declaring he was ready and able to stop violence. However, in an interview with the daily *Ayyam* newspaper, Rajoub

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said, "Security cannot be separated from politics, despite the Palestinian Authority's efforts."

General security chief Amin Hindi also said, in an interview in *Hayar al-Jadida*, that "security is influenced by politics" and that "the Netanyahu government is responsible for the situation."

The anti-American feeling in street protests was echoed in the Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday. Speaker after speaker accused the US of protecting

Israel against the condemnation of the world by its vetoes in the UN Security Council and its lone support of Israel in the General Assembly.

Council speaker Ahmed Qurie, the chief Oslo negotiator, said the problem is not limited to Har Homa alone.

"We want an American guarantee that settlements should be stopped. Everybody says there is no way to go to an agreement if settlements continue," Qurie said.

Qurie blamed Netanyahu for "creating the problem by his statements, which were a shot fired at the peace process, that the Oslo agreement allows him to continue settlements. This is a big lie."

The Fatah Higher Council, which supports the PA, but has the ear of the street and includes several members of the

Legislative Council, voted this week to continue demonstrations in coordination with Hamas supporters, culminating on Sunday, Land Day.

Meanwhile in Qatar, Faisal Hussein, the top PLO official in Jerusalem, said yesterday that Arab states should sever links with Israel to force it to move forward on the peace process with the Palestinians.

"Israel must understand all its relations with the Arab and outside world are directly connected to the peace process and the situation in Jerusalem," Hussein told Reuters.

Margot Dudkevitch adds: Last night a Japanese tourist was wounded when stones were thrown at a tourist bus near El-Jib outside Ramallah. A firebomb was thrown at an IDF jeep in the Ramallah area; there were no injuries or damage.

PM: No talks until PA combats terror

By STEVE RODAN and ARNIE O'SULLIVAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he will oppose a Palestinian state in final-status negotiations, warned Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat last night that he must fight Islamic terrorism before Israel agrees to resume negotiations with the PA.

"Anyone who wants to be accorded respect and legitimacy must fight terrorism," said Netanyahu, addressing the new International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism in Herzliya. "The Palestinians must fight against terrorism in order to return to the negotiating table."

On another issue, Netanyahu expressed concern over Iran's rearmament effort, saying, "We are convinced that Iran is developing missiles to reach Israel, then Europe, and then the US. If they achieve this, everybody's in danger."

Top IDF commanders told Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai that the PA has so far not taken any steps to curb terror, making this assessment during a three-hour meeting last night on the security situation and preparations leading up to Land Day on Sunday.

Mordechai told the forum that the high alert and expanded deployment of all security forces would continue and that the tight closure on Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip would not be lifted for now.

Mordechai ordered all IDF personnel and security officials to demand in all their meetings with PA officials that they crack down hard on terror if they want progress in the peace process.

The IDF, meanwhile, reportedly instructed residents of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria not to allow Palestinian laborers into their settlements from Friday until Monday, out of fear of attacks prior to Land Day. The IDF Spokesman, however, would not comment on the report.

Ethiopian leaders lash IDF after third suicide in month

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itan

"Every morning when I get to the base, six soldiers are waiting for me who clap their hands and yell, 'The kushi [black man] is here,'" Alene Tamene, 22, an Ethiopian immigrant, from Ashkelon serving in the army, told his niece on Sunday, a day before he committed suicide.

Tamene was the second Ethiopian-born soldier to commit suicide within the past 10 days, and the third in the past month. He was to complete his service in less than three months.

Molla Belay took his own life on March 14, after an army psychiatrist dismissed his pleas to be released because he felt "under pressure," following an incident in which Belay was publicly harangued by his superiors. Soldier Avraham Gideon of Beersheba committed suicide about a month ago.

When Tamene complained to his commander about the name-calling, he was told: "What's the matter, don't you know you're a kushi? What are you complaining

about?" according to Shlomo Mula, secretary of the United Ethiopian Jewish Organization.

After he gave his niece a gift for her birthday last Sunday, she asked Tamene what his army service was like.

"He told her: 'I'm having trouble in the army,'" Mula said yesterday. Mula said Tamene told her of his daily denigration by his comrades and his commander's refusal to intervene. "Then he told her: 'I'm going to kill the commander and commit suicide,'" Mula said. The IDF is still investigating the incident.

"This is terrible. I can't believe this could happen. Every week we go to funerals," Mula said, of the recent series of suicides among Ethiopian soldiers. He noted that Ethiopian immigrants make up just 0.4% of IDF soldiers, but comprise 10% of suicides inside the IDF.

Mula explained that in Belay's case, the soldier had worked as a cook, and was asked to prepare three crates of sandwiches for soldiers from the base. When he saw that he lacked enough kitchen staff, he enlisted the help of some other soldiers. Then, the base doctor, who had stopped in to do a midnight sanitation check in the kitchen, yelled at him to throw out the sandwiches, since using soldiers to "prepare them violated

sanitation codes.

Belay then got some other kitchen workers and worked through the early morning hours to get the sandwiches ready in time.

Later he complained of the shakes, and demanded some time off the base, but a psychiatrist he was sent to in Beersheba ruled he "was faking," according to Mula. "I don't understand how this psychiatrist made this determination after a half hour with him," Mula, himself a social worker and a reserve lieutenant.

Mula also denied that Belay, who lived at the Hafez Haim caravan site, committed suicide because of economic or social problems, or a general inability to accustom to army life. "He has a brother in a hesder yeshiva right now," Mula said, "and is one of eight brothers, four of whom were in the army. This wasn't a family that was unfamiliar with the army."

Mula added that what needs to be examined is just how Belay was spoken to by the doctor.

"The army isn't insensitive," Mula said, "but the problem is with the lower-level commanders." Mula said he recommended that the army ban the use of the word *kushi* by anyone doing army service.

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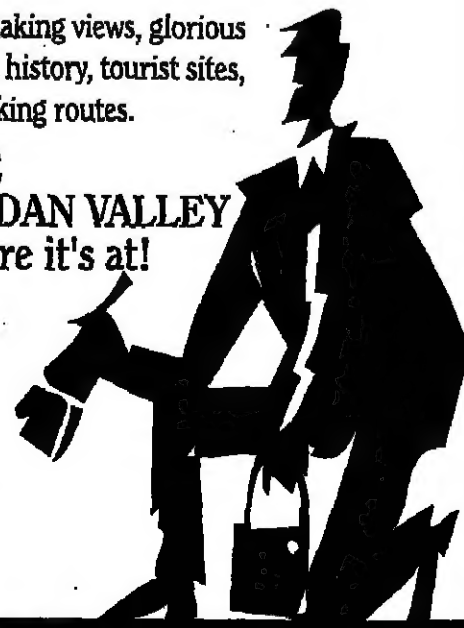
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NEWS

in brief

Federman acquitted on weapons charge

Former Kach spokesman Noam Federman was acquitted yesterday by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court of charges of endangering human life by carrying a knife. He was arrested during a demonstration against then-premier Shimon Peres five years ago, and police found a knife in his pocket.

Police Cmdr. Avi Cohen, who testified for the defense, said that Federman needed the knife for self-defense, as his life had been threatened by Palestinian extremists. Judge Shulamit Dotan agreed, found Federman innocent, and ordered the knife returned to him.



Noam Federman (Natan Shorer)

Hefetz Bar-On investigation complete

"The Bar-On investigation has been completed, but the police has not yet made a recommendation on indictments," Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said last night on Channel 1's *Conference Call*. "It is possible there will be a need for some supplementary investigation or testimony, but that depends on the conclusions and judgments of the State Attorney's Office and the police on the material compiled."

He also said that, despite pressures from various sources, "It is necessary to give the general public a report on an investigation that lasted two months, and such a report will be forthcoming."

Terrorist's trial postponed

The trial of Hamas terrorist Hassan Salameh on charges he planned last year's No. 18 bus and Ashkelon junction bombings was postponed yesterday until April 7. At the trial's opening in Beit El Military Court, Salameh was not represented by a lawyer and said he has no interest in obtaining one.

The court ordered a lawyer appointed for him and the indictment translated into Arabic, and said that even if he rejects counsel, the trial would resume on schedule.

Ivry panel watches simulated chopper crash

The Ivry Commission of Inquiry into the February 4 helicopter crash which killed 73 servicemen yesterday examined a simulated collision of the two CH-53 choppers produced by a NASA lab in California. It showed the flight paths, the point of collision, and what happened afterwards, Defense Ministry officials said.

The commission also discussed the technical condition of the helicopters and it was decided that an opinion from an external expert is necessary. It also examined various suggestions from the public on how to prevent aircraft collisions. The session was attended by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Amatzia Chen, who represents the families of the fallen.

Gov't won't petition court over Dotan's release

The state will not petition the High Court of Justice over a military parole board's decision to release embezzler Rami Dotan, because there are already four petitions before the court on the issue, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said yesterday.

President Ezer Weizman last week asked Rubinstein to petition the court, because of the gravity of Dotan's crimes. Dotan, a former brigadier-general who skimmed more than \$10 million off military contracts, is due to be released next month after serving only half his 13-year sentence.

Mordechai postpones US trip

Due to the tense security situation, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has postponed and shortened his long-scheduled trip to the US, where he is to meet for the first time with US Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Mordechai was to have met with Cohen today as part of a 10-day visit, but will now go on April 1 and return five days later.

Meanwhile, Vice Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph Ralston arrived Tuesday as a guest of Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i. Ralston is expected to discuss the US military maneuvers held periodically in Israel, terrorism, and joint maneuvers.

Three men sentenced for domestic violence

A Tel Aviv man was sentenced to six months' suspended by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday, after he pleaded guilty to severely beating his wife and battering her head against a wall. The man, 48, was also ordered to pay his wife, who has since divorced him, NIS 2,000 compensation.

In Tel Aviv District Court, however, a Holon man was sentenced to a three years in prison and four years' suspended for assaulting his 10-year-old son and eight-year-old daughter, as well as beating his wife.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Rahel Greenberg sentenced a 27-year old man convicted of beating his wife and threatening to kill her to 200 hours of community service.

Health Ministry warns against salmon product

The Health Ministry yesterday warned the public not to eat a product called "smoked salmon filet medallion," produced by the Veroni company in Migdal Ha'emek, marked with the production date 18/2/97. Inspectors found *listeria bacteria* in this product and have prohibited the company from marketing products that underwent a cold-smoking process. Veroni has also been ordered to recall all such packages.

The ministry also prohibited the Tzuriel Brothers Dairy in Lower Galilee from manufacturing dairy products until further notice, but has allowed the Kil Bagalit Dairy to resume production after shortcomings in pasteurization.

NIS 200m. allocated for senior immigrants

The government plans to allocate NIS 200 million to find housing solutions for elderly immigrants in 1997, the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee was told yesterday. A Housing Ministry official said the funding would provide 3,300 housing solutions for elderly immigrants, compared to just 400 last year.

Committee chairman MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) said the decision was "an achievement." However, she noted this was just "the tip of the iceberg," since 45,000 elderly immigrants receive rental subsidies and need permanent housing solutions.

Weaker high schoolers may increase workload

High school pupils currently taking a relatively light course load will be given an opportunity to take on a more challenging workload and earn additional matriculation points, under a new plan being offered by the Education Ministry.

According to Education Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell, the pupils will sign a "contract" with the school, establishing a trial period in which they prove their ability to study at the level requested, by meeting standards agreed on by the two sides. Acceptance to the program will require an examination.

No winner in NIS 12m. Lotto draw

No one succeeded in guessing all the numbers in Tuesday's Lotto drawing for a NIS 12 million prize, Mifal Hapayis announced yesterday. Nine people succeeded in guessing five of the six numbers and the additional number. They each won NIS 18,000.

Israeli Arabs won't delay Land Day

Rallies planned in Negev, Galilee, triangle and Jaffa

By DAVID RUDGE

Israeli Arab leaders yesterday rejected a call to postpone activities planned for Land Day on Sunday, because of the tense situation.

The call was made in a direct appeal to the Forum of Arab Council Heads by Adi Eldar, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities.

"We received a letter from Adi Eldar urging us to cancel our programs for Land Day, because radicals in the Arab sector could take advantage of the situation," said Abed Ibbitawi, spokesman for the Arab leadership's monitoring committee.

"We obviously totally reject this call. We know how to express our stance in a legitimate and cultured way, without any disturbances.

We decide on the matter and not Adi Eldar." Leaflets have been distributed throughout the Arab community calling on the public to take part in the general strike declared by the Arab leadership on Land Day and to insure that activities pass quietly.

A mass rally is planned in Rabat in the Negev, along with smaller parades and rallies in Sakhrin in the Galilee, Umm al-Fahm in the Triangle, and Jaffa.

It will be the first time that a rally is to be held in Jaffa as part of Land Day activities, and the first time for many years that the leadership has called a general strike on the day.

The decision was taken by the monitoring committee, which includes council heads and MKs, at a meeting two weeks ago to protest

against what participants described as the government's "settlement policies" and the ongoing expropriation of Arab-owned land.

Organizers plan to plant olive tree saplings on land near Umm al-Fahm and in the Negev, which they claim has been earmarked by the government for expropriation.

Land Day commemorates a 1976 protest against land expropriation which turned into violent clashes between demonstrators and security forces. Six Israeli Arabs were killed and dozens of others, including police officers, were wounded.

Ibbitawi stressed that there are no plans for disturbances on Land Day, although he criticized what he described as provocative statements by government officials and public fig-

ures. "Inflammatory statements have been made which recall the 1960s and 1970s, which are warning and frightening the public that we are planning riots, which is not the case," said Ibbitawi.

"The activities are like virtually every year, parades and demonstrations against the expropriation of land, against policies which discriminate against the Arab sector, for full rights and equality, and for the continuation of the peace process."

"We are, however, calling on the police not to interfere and enter towns and villages, especially those where parades and demonstrations are taking place, because every time this happens it has a provocative effect," he added.

Police brace for potential riots

By RAIME MARCUS and LIAT COLLINS

Police brass will convene this evening to discuss security arrangements for this Sunday's Land Day, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday, during a tour of Kikar Rabin to mark Police Day.

"It is not inconceivable that there will be violence on Land Day and police will do everything possible to prevent clashes and incidents," he said.

Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz said that police countrywide will be on full alert before and during Land Day.

"We will beef up forces, if necessary to the maximum capacity," Hefetz said yesterday.

"We will not agree to violent rioting, public disturbances, the blocking of main highways and streets, or attempts to harm security forces at Land Day demonstrations and processions," he said.

He called on Israeli Arabs to show restraint and to act within the law. District police chiefs are negotiating with local council

heads to help ensure that events run smoothly.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said city police would be on high alert in Jaffa on Sunday.

Speaking on Army Radio yesterday, Hefetz said that if Palestinian Authority security forces did not stop violent rioting in the territories it is possible that Israeli forces would step in to areas under Palestinian control and put an end to clashes.

At the Knesset, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav called on Israeli Arabs "not to exploit Land Day to incite against the state." Katsav was answering a motion to the agenda by MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party).

Katsav, who is the minister responsible for Arab affairs, rejected Dahamshe's linking of social and welfare needs in the Arab sector with the peace process and other issues.

Dahamshe also called on the police and security forces not to get involved in Land Day activities and "not to take provocative actions."



Clashes continue

Palestinian youths hurl and sling rocks at IDF soldiers stationed near Rachel's Tomb yesterday, as clashes over construction at Har Homa continued.

Worshippers return to Joseph's Tomb

By MARGOT DUKOVITCH

The IDF opened Joseph's Tomb to worshippers yesterday morning, after OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir met with Palestinian Police commanders from Nablus late Tuesday night and stressed that they cannot prevent worshippers from entering the tomb.

According to Eli Rosenfeld, director of the Od Yosef Hai Yeshiva at Joseph's Tomb, the IDF informed them on Tuesday that it agreed to allow a small number of yeshiva students to return. However, when the bus arrived at the entrance to Nablus, Palestinian policemen prevented the students from continuing. The bus was forced to leave, and a group of yeshiva students and IDF troops remained.

According to Rosenfeld, tempers flared, but late Tuesday night an agreement was reached between the Palestinians and the IDF.

A Central Command spokesman said that Ophir and the Palestinian Police agreed that, due to the sensitive circumstances, coordination between Palestinians and the IDF must be maintained. He added that the Palestinian Police cannot prevent worshippers from entering Nablus to reach Joseph's Tomb unless the situation has been previously discussed by IDF commanders and the Palestinians.

Rosenfeld said that along with the yeshiva's 70 students who returned to their studies, 20 to 30 people visited Joseph's Tomb yesterday.

Arafat accuses US of failing to support him

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat complained in an interview published yesterday that the US administration is not supporting him fully, even though President Bill Clinton "personally understands our position in the Middle East peace process."

He was also quoted as charging that "the Jewish lobby is working hard to jeopardize the peace process."

Arafat, in Bangladesh to attend its silver jubilee celebrations, was interviewed by the *Daily Star* newspaper on Tuesday.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright tracked down the Palestinian leader in Dhaka

and persuaded him to return to the Middle East to meet her envoy, Dennis Ross, to try to end the impasse in Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, US officials said in Washington.

The administration had failed to reach Arafat for several days while he was traveling in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

In the interview, Arafat was quoted as criticizing the US for vetoing the recent UN resolution condemning Har Homa.

"There can be no permanent peace in the Middle East as long as the problem of Jerusalem remains unresolved," Arafat was quoted as saying.

Alleging a conspiracy to disrupt the peace

process, he urged Israel to honor its peace accord with the Palestinians.

"Israel must realize that there can be no durable peace in the Middle East unless the agreement reached between us is implemented fully," he was quoted as saying. "We are not asking for the moon, but only for what has been agreed upon. The present crisis is the most serious one facing the Palestinian people in the recent past," Arafat said. "Israel must be pressured into honoring the peace agreement which was signed in the presence of President Clinton." The crisis, he warned, "will have its ramifications globally if not resolved immediately."

PA head pulls pistol at Sri Lankan banquet

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat surprised his hosts at a state banquet by pulling out his pistol after a guest wondered if he still walks around armed.

While chatting with President Chandrika Kumaratunga at a banquet in Arafat's honor, a leader of a former Tamil rebel group jocularly asked the Palestinian leader: "Do you still carry a pistol as you did when you went to the UN?" Kumaratunga, apparently embarrassed, told the politician, Dharmalingam Siddharthan: "He is now the president of Palestine. He need not carry a pistol." The *Midweek Mirror* reported.

A grinning Arafat proved her wrong. He pulled out a pistol and showed it to them, the weekly reported.

Siddharthan confirmed the newspaper report, though the president's office refused to comment.

Porush: No room in capital

By LIAT COLLINS

Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) said yesterday there is almost no land left in Jerusalem on which to build. Porush was addressing the Jerusalem Forum, a parliamentary caucus co-chaired by MK Ophir Pines (Labor) and MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud).

Porush said Har Homa is planned to include 6,500 housing units and there are still no plans

prepared for building more homes for the city's Arab residents, despite the government's intentions. He noted, however, that the present government had invested NIS 9 billion in developing the infrastructure in the eastern part of the city.

Jerusalem municipal engineer Uri Ben-Asher said the potential exists to build 14,000 new homes for Arab residents, but only 4,000 are readily attainable. In the Jewish sector, he said there is potential for 62,000 homes. He said that land reserves are expected to run out for both sectors by the year 2010.

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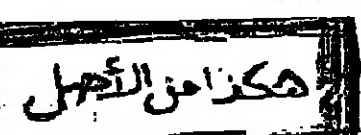
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Workers protest factory closure
Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz stands opposite the Knesset yesterday with Delta textile workers from Shfaram. The women's placards read "Industrialize the Arab villages" and "Every government should provide jobs for its citizens." (Hanan Harari)

Court: Send child to father in Britain

By HATSHEVA TSUR

In a precedent-setting decision, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday that a young Israeli mother who had left her non-Jewish husband in England must return their small child to the UK.

Justices Mishael Cheshin, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dorit Beinisch based their ruling on the Hague Convention governing the abduction of children. Quoting the convention, they said they had no choice but to "order the return of the child forthwith" to England.

The father, a British citizen, had appealed to the court to order the return of the child to allow a British court to decide on custody, following a previous decision by the Nazareth District Court to grant custody to the mother.

Yesterday's ruling was contrary to the opinion of psychologists, who had expressed the opinion that the child should continue to

grow up with her mother in her kibbutz. In an expert opinion, the psychologists said that "the child's return to England would expose her to severe psychological damage and would put her in an intolerable situation."

The mother, identified only as Dafna from Kibbutz Baram, met her husband Adam when he came to Baram as a volunteer in January 1993. Shortly afterward, Adam left the kibbutz and went to live in Eilat, where Dafna, then 17, later joined him. When they decided to marry, they left for Sussex in England and were married by a civil registrar. They had a daughter, Kara, and lived with different relatives of Adam's.

According to Dafna, Adam turned out to be a "good-for-nothing" who did not want to work, used drugs, and lived off his mother's savings and social security. She told the court that he often used physical violence against her and

would leave her locked up at home while he went out at nights.

During her pregnancy and when she gave birth, Dafna had wanted her mother to join her in England, but Adam threatened her and refused, she told the court. Finally, when she could no longer stand the situation, her mother arrived secretly and they left with the baby.

Dafna reacted to the ruling with shock.

"I feel like this is just doing a favor to another country. I am an Israeli citizen, a Jew, and I and my daughter are being extradited to a strange country where I have nothing, no means to exist," Dafna told Israel Radio. "I do not have British citizenship or a job and am dependent on Adam's whims. This is a scandal... I was kept a virtual prisoner there."

She said she would not return to England. "I will fight the ruling and I'll get everyone who can to help me," she said.

Domestic violence hot line faces government cuts

By ESTHER HECHT

Just a month after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai declared their support for battered women, a drastic cut in government funding is about to snuff a crucial lifeline for the victims.

The Anti-Violence Hot Line, which serves 1,200 women a year in Haifa and the North, said yesterday it had just learned the ministry is reducing its annual support from NIS 500,000 to just NIS 66,000.

"It means we'll have to close down," said Ronit Edelding, who heads the hot line's corps of volunteers.

According to Edelding, the ministry justified the cut by saying it wants to reassess all the organizations that deal with domestic violence. Meanwhile, however, the number of women seeking help keeps growing, as the hot line's educational efforts encourage them to break their silence, she said.

The hot line — a joint project of the ministry, Haifa Municipality, and several other bodies — operates 12 hours a day in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic, and English. It has trained and pays the salaries of three social workers who help women through the city's welfare offices. Its members accompany women to the police, the courts, and the medical centers.

Meir Hovav, the ministry's director of youth and adult correctional services, under whose jurisdiction the hot line falls, insisted the ministry never gave the hot line any money before this year. The money the ministry transferred to the Haifa Municipality was earmarked for the battered women's shelter.

"Untrue," responded Ilana Chernobroda, adviser on the status of women to Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna. "Last year the ministry transferred the money through the city specifically for the hot line."

She said she had turned to MK Yael Dayan (Labor) to help restore the ministry's support.

E. Europe survivors deserve big part of Swiss fund — US

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Eastern European survivors, long the forgotten victims of Nazism, should get a "significant amount" of the Swiss Holocaust humanitarian fund, the leading US restitution official said.

The United States also believes Germany should offer compensation to these survivors, Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat said Tuesday night in New York.

"The [Clinton] administration believes that a significant amount" of the so-called private Swiss fund should be used to aid survivors in Central and Eastern Europe, Eizenstat said at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The Swiss fund, now valued at

285 million Swiss francs, was established earlier this month to compensate "needy" Holocaust survivors.

The criteria for need have yet to be established, but relief and reparations officials say that the survivors of Eastern Europe are in the worst straits. They are the victims of what Eizenstat called the "twin tragedy" of having lived under Nazism and communism.

They did not qualify for German reparations programs during the Cold War.

The Germans feared "the communist governments would siphon off that money and it would never get to survivors," he said.

"That was completely understandable, but now we have a situation in which those countries are all viable democracies, and yet there is still no payment," Eizenstat said.

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Bombings rock northern England

By SUE LEEMAN

LONDON (AP) — Twin explosions tore up rail track and damaged important signaling equipment in the northern English town of Wiltshire yesterday morning, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the IRA.

Greater Manchester Police said there were no casualties but there was extensive damage and disruption to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wiltshire, about 260 km northwest of London, is a major signaling center for trains on the main west coast line from Manchester to London.

Another warning was received about a possible device in the northern England town of Doncaster and the station area was evacuated, said Kevin Groves of Railtrack, which operates the line. Doncaster is 250 km north of London and about 95 km east of Wiltshire.

Late yesterday morning, police and bomb disposal experts were still searching the area around both stations.

The explosions came only a day after Scotland Yard Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon warned of the possibility of IRA attacks timed to coincide with Britain's general election on May 1. Prime Minister John Major

called the explosions "a two-fingered insult to democracy at the start of the general election campaign."

He said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Féin Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said if the IRA was responsible, it should realize that no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages."

He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet." Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said IRA bombs exacerbate the difficulties in trying to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

"If these people think they're going to be nearer to a solution by bombs or the threat of bombs, they're living in cloud cuckoo land, a totally illusory world," he told Sky television.

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London. One outside the historic Baltic Exchange building killed three people, injured 91 and caused more than \$950 million in damage. The other at Staples Corner in north London caused extensive damage.

In 1993, two young boys were

killed by an IRA bomb in the center of Warrington, near Wiltshire.

Cheshire police said there were two calls from a man using a recognized Irish Republican Army code word warning of bombs. The first call at 5:30 a.m. was made to an elderly woman in Wiltshire who called police warning of a device at the local police station.

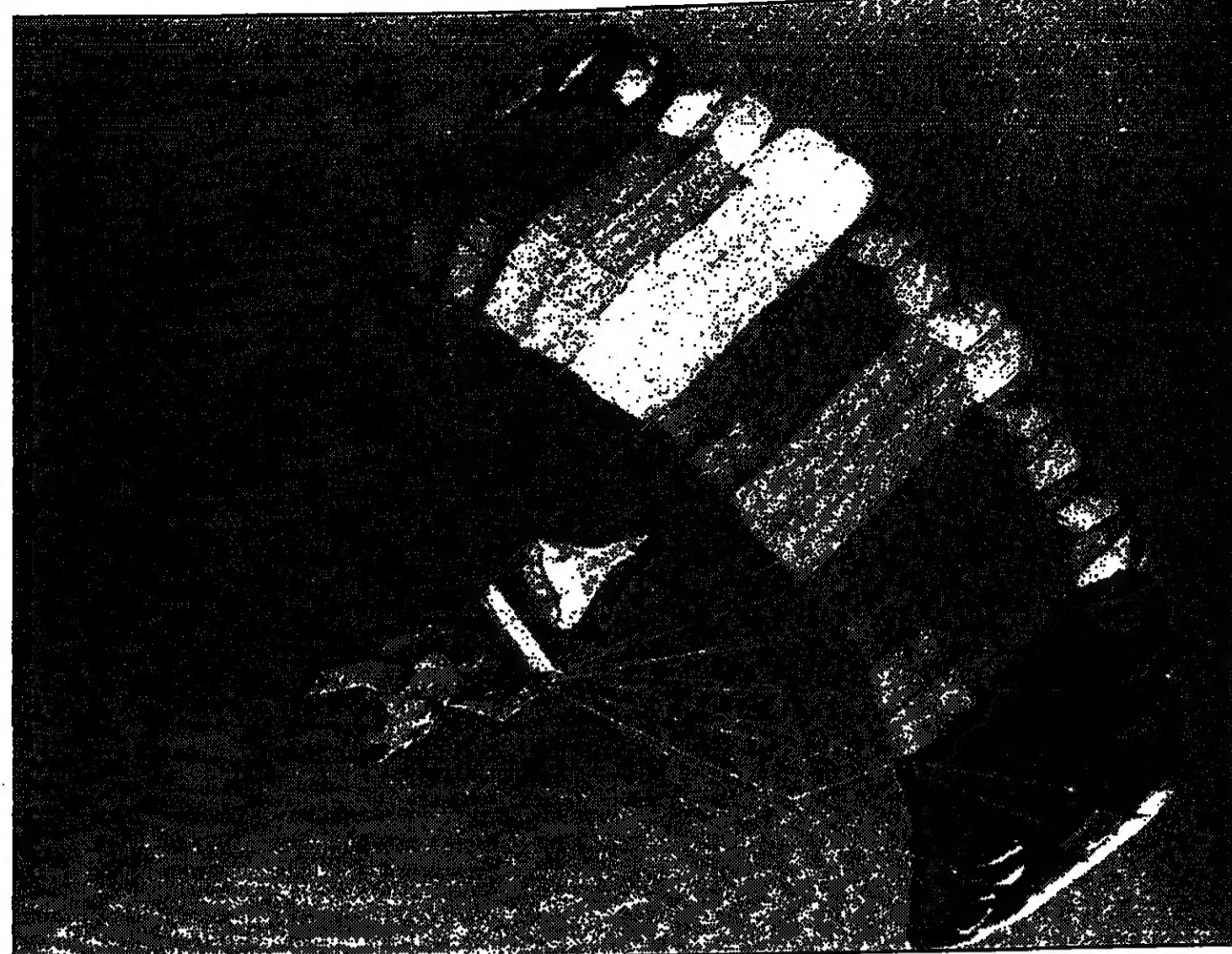
The second was made to a hospital in the Greater Manchester area, warning of a device at the railway station.

The second warning probably averted serious casualties since more than 100 people had been evacuated from an area around the police station to a leisure center across from the police station. They were then moved to a supermarket 1.6 km away.

At 6:30 a.m., an explosion was heard at a signaling box on the railway line, about 350 meters from Wiltshire station, Greater Manchester Police Inspector Leslie Smith said.

"The area was cordoned off, and as officers were doing this, there was a second loud explosion just after 7 a.m. and that was near to the first one," he said.

Evan Morris of the Cheshire fire service said fire fighters helping police at the scene of the first blast "were extremely close to the second device that went off on the track." Police estimated the devices were about 50 meters apart.



Bush is back

Former US president George Bush, 72, makes a parachute jump over the US Army Proving Ground in Yuma, Arizona. (Reuters)

Papua New Guinea premier resigns

PORT MORESBY (AP) — Prime Minister Julius Chan of Papua New Guinea resigned yesterday after an army mutiny, riots and nine days of uproar over a plan to use foreign mercenaries to crush a 9-year-old rebellion.

The defense and finance ministers also agreed to resign while an interim government runs the country until national elections in June.

Chan said he was acting in the interest of the country to defuse an "explosive" situation after protesters and mutinous soldiers blockaded Parliament House, refusing to let lawmakers out.

"I think I have taken the right course ... to preserve peace, to preserve order. This is the right thing to do," Chan told Parliament.

Some 2,000 protesters outside cheered loudly at the news, and both sides of the house gave him an ovation at the end of his address. The protesters let lawmakers leave Parliament after Chan's resignation.

Chan said he would convene the Cabinet within 24 hours to appoint an acting prime minister. He did not indicate who might replace him.

The changes, he said, will ensure public confidence in a government-ordered judicial inquiry into the country's mercenary contract with Sandline International, a British mercenary firm.

Chan said the pressures the mutinous army had put his government under for nine days were "against the principle of a stable, democracy," which is why he resisted demands for his resignation this long.

But Chan defended the restraint shown by the army. Throughout the crisis they stayed in their barracks, except for several dozen who joined Tuesday's protests at Parliament and intimidated lawmakers.

"They put pressure on, but they said they would accept the vote of the Parliament," Chan said of the troops.

Gore holds talks with Chinese leaders

BEIJING (AP) — US Vice President Al Gore said yesterday that two days of talks with China's leaders convinced him Beijing is prepared to do more to open its markets to US goods and is more receptive to candid discussions about human rights.

After a meeting with President Jiang Zemin, Gore said he had raised specific cases in which the United States objected to China's handling of dissidents and political prisoners.

Gore said there were some "strong disagreements" on this subject during his talks here, but that overall "the response was a more receptive response than I have had in previous discussions on this subject."

Gore said he would not offer details of the cases he raised because it was his belief "our prospects for success are

enhanced" by keeping discussions private.

But he said he "did not pull any punches" during talks on human rights and said "we are finding ways to communicate more effectively with China's leaders on this topic." He did not cite any specific promises from his hosts.

Prominent dissidents complained ahead of Gore's arrival that police had increased surveillance of their activities.

The US vice president said he had told Jiang and Premier Li Peng that allegations China illegally funneled money into US elections last year were being investigated by federal law enforcement authorities. "They vigorously denied the allegations," Gore said, but added those allegations alone were no reason to slow the recent warming of relations between the two countries.

South African killers face sentence today

DURBAN (AP) — Twelve men convicted on 18 murder charges in the 1995 Christmas Day massacre in KwaZulu-Natal province will be sentenced today.

A 15-year-old youth also convicted in the murders will be sentenced at a later date, Judge Hilary Squires said yesterday.

Squires said he would need more time to decide on an appropriate sentence for the youth.

The 13 defendants were convicted by Squires of taking part in an attack by an estimated 2,000 armed Inkatha Freedom Party supporters on the rural village of Shobashobane, inhabited by rival African National Congress supporters.

Lawyers for the defendants argued for lenient sentences at a mitigation hearing yesterday, saying the Inkatha supporters were provoked by road blockades, stonings and other acts by the ANC supporters.

State Prosecutor Sandish Sankar told the court he accepted there had been acts of provocation, but said "other options" were available to the Inkatha supporters.

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FLAIR

Fuss-free shopping at department stores

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A department store by definition caters to a broad clientele, and though its prices may not always be cheaper than those in your local shopping center, it does offer greater variety, with easier access to the merchandise.

One never feels uncomfortable inspecting clothes in a department store.

There's no over-zealous shop assistant hovering at one's shoulder to prevent possible theft, while simultaneously pushing sales.

One can try something on without being bulldozed into believing that a garment which is anything but flattering is just perfect for one's needs.

And changing cubicles in department stores are plentiful and private. One doesn't have to be surreptitious about checking prices. "Everyone else is doing the same."

Hamashbir Lazarchan, with 22 branches throughout the country, prides itself on giving value for money in the clothing stakes, but not all Hamashbir clothing departments carry exactly the same stock, and prices on certain items may vary from store to store.

It can be quite frustrating not to find in one's local branch something that one has seen in one of the company's larger stores elsewhere.

The best selection is undoubtedly in the company's newly renovated Dizengoff Center outlet where options run the gamut from ultra-casual to ultra-formal, petite to large, and budget-priced to expensive.

But beware. What one sees in Dizengoff Center one does not always see closer to home.

At the recent unveiling of spring/summer fashions for him as well as her, Hamashbir demonstrated that the well-dressed man will have at least one vest and one boxy, collarless jacket in his possession.

If he's not too conservative, he'll also add a pair of plaid pants or Bermudas to what is already hanging in his closet.

Plaids feature strongly in women's fashions as well, as do stripes, fruit motifs, positive/negative graphics and all-over florals.

Fabrics tend to be very light and often sheer, with skirt lengths moving from ankle to mid-thigh, and widths expanding from pencil slim to a comfortable swish.

To anyone over the age of 30, the styles are very déj vu — but then again repetition has characterized the fashions of the '90s, providing only tiny nuances to distinguish them from those of a previous era.

While minimalism seems to be giving way to romance on overseas runways, the trend has not yet made an impact on Hamashbir, where plain and simple is the dominant theme.

Several companies which supply Hamashbir have included the slim, but not tight-fitting,



Onyx plaid pants and cropped tee-shirt from Hamashbir.

sleeveless dress. A "any occasion" garment, it can be teamed with matching and contrasting jackets and jazzed up with jewelry and colored scarves.

The joy of having so many choices of an almost identical style is that cut and size vary

from manufacturer to manufacturer, and one brand's size 38 may be another brand's size 40. Similarly, skirt lengths may vary from one manufacturer to another, and that difference in length is often the deciding factor in whether or not you'll buy the garment.

TRAVEL

Greek delights

By LORA SCHUCHAT

Sun, sea, clean air, delicious food and gorgeous views. There are a lot of reasons to visit Greece, but for Israelis, there is an added bonus: it's like a home away from home. The flight is only an hour and 40 minutes and the climate is similar to here. Now, in the spring, the air is crisp and cool in Athens, while on the Aegean islands visitors can count on wearing T-shirts and slacks.

Greeks and Israelis share a similar warmth and sense of hospitality, as well as hutzpa. Hagglings is de rigueur in Athens's Plaka flea market, which offers high-end crafts as well as touristy knickknacks, and at the marketplaces in Thessaloniki. The Mediterranean flavor of traditional Greek dishes, usually served with lemon or olive oil, strongly resemble our local tastes.

Piraeus, Athens's main port, is also the starting point of an all-day cruise on the tourist boat *Hermes*, which left from the port at 9 a.m. for a breathtaking tour of three beautiful islands: Aegina, Poros and Hydrousa. These jewels of the Aegean Sea offer the traveler a true break from "real life" with their clean, sweet air and azure waters.

Aegina is the largest island of the three, and boasts ancient ruins, a picturesque monastery and loads of pistachio trees. The island also has a small but beautiful fish market, which has many non-touristy taverns and eateries spread throughout it. Fresh octopuses roasting on an open fire were a common sight.

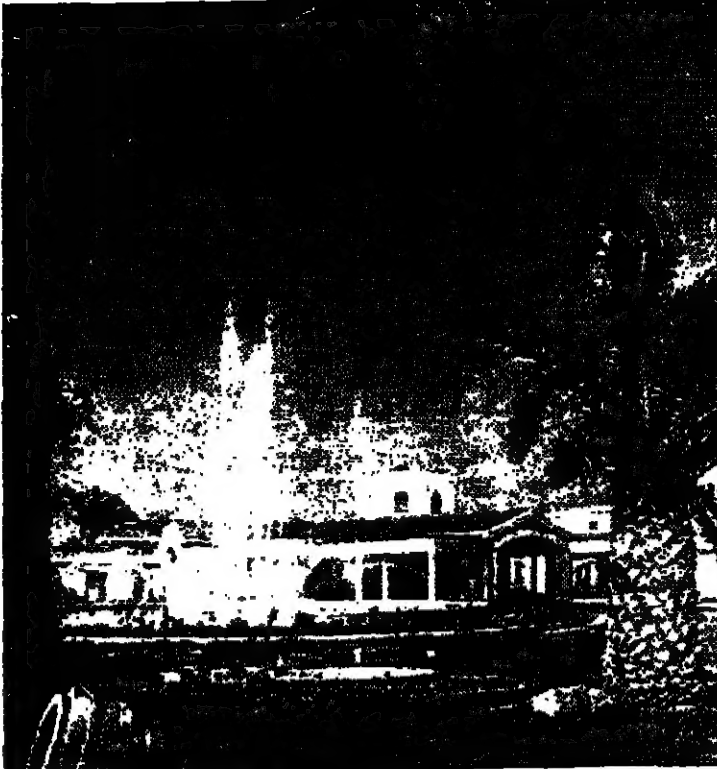
Poros and Hydrousa are smaller islands, each with quaint shops and cafes. Hydrousa's attractions are particularly charming: There are no motor vehicles on the island, only donkeys. Visitors can take a 20-minute donkey ride from the island's edge into its lush green hills studded with white and blue houses to explore a splendor strikingly different from the serene beauty of the sea.

There is also a castle and cannons from the 1700s on the seafront. These islands are also a fisherman's paradise; local fishermen will take you out on their boats for a few hours for a small fee.

If the islands offer tranquil beauty, the city of Thessaloniki, known for its deep Jewish history, offers both beauty and excitement. Elected the Cultural Capital of Europe for 1997, Thessaloniki will be home to cultural events galore through mid-April, from an exhibit of Caravaggio's paintings to a musical program about the Balkans. Known as the "Capital of Macedonia," the city boasts ruins from the Byzantine period (a castle and also the White Tower, which is home to one of the largest Byzantine icon collections anywhere) as well as an extensive exhibit at the Archeological Museum, which houses artifacts from ancient northern Greece.

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American and European games such as roulette, stud poker and blackjack. It also features first-class restaurants, which offer traditional Greek, Asian and Italian delights. One of the most enticing dishes sampled was barbecued swordfish with horseradish-whipped potatoes and mango chutney. The Hyatt is planning on extending the casino into a full-fledged hotel.

One of the best Denise fish this writer has ever tasted was served at Prasina Trehantria, in Piraeus. The fish was smoked to perfection with a blend of spices and lemon, the flavors of which seeped into the skin. The appetizer consisted of deep-fried calamari and sardines, as well as fried shrimp which were extremely tender and well-prepared. These appetizers were typical of most of our meals. Chilled fresh fruit was the perfect dessert to match a light, yet satisfying, meal.

For those who wish to experience the color, vibrancy and taste of Greece on their home turf, the Hyatt Regency Jerusalem is kicking off a two-week Greek Festival, beginning next Monday and continuing through April 10. Valentino's Restaurant is hosting two chefs from Thessaloniki who will prepare authentic delicacies from the Aegean islands, countryside villages and Athens. A guest troupe of Greek musicians and dancers will provide entertainment and a display of traditional costume will be featured in the atrium lobby of the hotel. The above events are sponsored by the Greek national Tourist Organization, Olympic Airways, TAT Travel and Tours and Hyatt Thessaloniki Casino.

For reservations for the festival, call (02) 533-1222.

The writer was a guest of the Greek National Tourist Organization, Olympic Airways, TAT Travel and Tours, Hyatt Regency Casino Thessaloniki and Hyatt Regency in Jerusalem.

CAVEAT EMPTOR!

Know your NII accident insurance benefits

By RUTHIE BLUM

The month before Pessah is a time when the accident-prone should be especially cautious. There is nothing quite like heavy-duty cleaning for increasing risk of injury. Moving furniture, shaking out carpets, climbing ladders to reach high cupboards, and hauling vacuum cleaners and pails to and fro, are all tasks which have been known to lead to cuts, bruises, sprains, strains and breaks. A neighbor of mine actually fell off her second-story balcony while beating a rug; miraculously, she was virtually unscathed.

For those of you who have the misfortune to fall prey to physical mishap, however, you are covered by the National Insurance Institute (NII).

While it is commonly known that work-related accidents are covered, you may not be aware that you can receive money if you fall off a ladder at home and break your arm, like one incapacitated friend who ended up having difficulty performing even the most minor tasks for several weeks.

According to the accident insurance law, an "accident" is defined as "a sudden incident in which a person receives bodily injury due to an external factor, and due to which he lost his ability to function." This law applies to all residents between the ages of 18 and 60 for a woman or 65 for a man.

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 2. If you are neither salaried nor self-employed but are hospitalized or house-bound as a result of the accident.
 3. If you are a housewife who, as a result of the accident, are unable to perform household tasks.
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 3. For those who were neither salaried

employees nor self-employed at the time of the accident, it is 25 percent of the average wage determined on January 1 preceding the day of the accident, with an addition of the calculated rise in pension payments from January 1 until the date of the accident, divided by 30.

(Anyone who — like me — is mathematically handicapped should not panic about not being able to understand how to calculate any of these sums, but rather should use this as a guideline, before phoning the NII to receive a personalized explanation.)

When does all of this not apply? When you are already receiving money — for the same accident — from another source (provident fund, pension fund, sick days, etc.) or when you are hospitalized irrespective of the accident, and receiving paid care anyway, or if you are in the IDF or in jail.

For further information — which undoubtedly you'll need when trying to decipher fine and not-so-fine print, contact the NII office nearest you. If you are unsure whom to contact about your specific inquiry, first call the public information number: (03) 695-6348.

As an addendum, I would like to point out that the NII also pays money to victims of terrorism. Brochures on this subject can be obtained from the offices of the NII.

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Scandalous behavior

The country's leading insurance companies may, for now, get away with rejecting demands they dismiss the general managers recently indicted for creating a cartel in homeowners' and corporate insurance. But the longer they insist on acting as if nothing has happened, the more scandalous they will appear in the court of public opinion.

The type of behavior exhibited by the insurance companies might have been quietly overlooked 40 years ago. Those days are over. Israel's economy and society can no longer condone or afford to indulge monopolies and cartels. Supervisor of Insurance Doron Shorer correctly understood this imperative when he ruled that the general managers indicted in the cartel scam be suspended, if not dismissed outright. The insurance companies, however, have shown no sign of contrition or of intending to follow his directives.

The directors of Migdal Insurance voted on Tuesday to dismiss Shorer's ruling outright, expressing their full confidence in indicted Migdal general manager Uzi Levi, Migdal deputy manager Gideon Rosolio, and Hamagen deputy general manager Amichai Harari, claiming that this decision should be left in the hands of the Italian insurance giant Assicurazioni Generali, which will soon take control of Migdal's operations.

Other insurance companies, such as Clal, delayed making a decision on Shorer's demands, in a childish attempt to play for time. The crimes for which six insurance companies, 11 of their managers, and the Association of Insurance Companies were convicted in Jerusalem District Court two weeks ago are among the most serious in the sphere of economics. They include the creation of a cartel to maintain high premiums, and colluding in offering discounts and deciding agents' fees in the early part of this decade. The collusion extended to collective decisions to eliminate coverage of certain insurance items and raising co-payments.

The companies used their collective power to damage competition in the sector, worsen insurance conditions, and harm the trust that is essential for the building of economic relations. In

other countries, chief executive officers of companies can generally be trusted, because they know they will have to pay a price for the errors they commit. Here, on the other hand, persons in high positions in business, the military, and politics routinely seek any excuse they can find to avoid paying personally for their mistakes.

The insurance cartel scandal is no exception. The companies have claimed that the price-fixing was necessary given that prices are dictated by foreign underwriters. They say they have learned their lesson and will not repeat their actions, and that it is unfair to demand their managers' resignation, because the plea bargain they agreed to did not include resignation.

Each of these claims is weak. Foreign underwriters are an important element in insurance around the world, and they certainly do not necessitate a cartel. They should be compared to wholesale prices, which do not exclude competition in the retail price paid by individual consumers. The claim that the insurance managers "have learned their lesson" should be greeted with healthy scepticism, especially given charges which have recently surfaced that a life-insurance cartel was effected even after the homeowners' insurance cartel was exposed.

As for the claim that the plea bargain did not include dismissal of managers, it should be remembered that, just as judges need not accept plea bargains agreed to by prosecutors, the public need not accept minor punishments either. The fines imposed on the companies, at a maximum of NIS 6 million, and those imposed on managers, of around NIS 300,000, might sound hefty at first. But if one considers that Generali paid \$330 million for its share of Migdal, and the high monthly salaries earned by the managers of insurance companies, these fines appear to be relatively minor.

There are indications that some Knesset members are considering drafting a law requiring the managers of companies to resign under such circumstances. It would be preferable not to have to resort to parliamentary action in such matters, but if there is no other choice, the Knesset will have to do its duty and protect the public's interest.

Slow boat to China

The powerless US vice-presidency remains the joy of stand-up comics in the United States, even after the passing from the scene of such cartoon characters as Spiro T. Agnew and Dan Quayle. Hence a more serious character, like Al Gore, has a doubly uphill task on an important mission like his current trip to China. He must convince his hosts he has near-presidential clout, and the folks back home that his efforts are not just fodder for *The Tonight Show*.

Gore's trip is deadly serious, but it is hard to see that it has achieved much beyond aiding slightly the psychological thaw in frosty bilateral relations. He is the most senior American official to visit China since the crushing of the student protests in Tiananmen Square in 1989. His trip is meant to prepare the path for an exchange of historic presidential visits in the next year.

Two years ago Gore and Prime Minister Li Peng had an angry clash in Europe over human rights. This time Gore did build some bridges by persuading Li to join him in chairing a US-China forum on the environment, to examine ways of curbing industrial pollution. Gore's environment campaign on his trip to Asia was a bid to put his personal stamp on the mission — a worthy issue, but one which failed to ignite pub-

lic excitement and did little to dispel Gore's image as a somewhat wooden Vice President Bore.

US officials had to agree nothing had been achieved in changing China's attitudes to human rights — the best that could be said was that the talks between Gore and Li were less acrimonious than before. In other words, they didn't snarl but they didn't agree. Gore ended up in another semantic fumble over alleged Chinese attempts to funnel money into last year's American congressional and presidential elections. China vehemently denied the allegations and Gore said the issue would not prevent closer ties between the two countries. Since the matter is under FBI investigation, Gore's officials had to hastily reclearify that the rumors will not affect Sino-American relations — unless proved true, when they would become very serious indeed.

Gore did officiate at the signing of two large business contracts: a \$685 million Boeing deal to sell five 777-200 aircraft to Air China, and a General Motors joint venture with Shanghai's biggest automobile manufacturer. This reminded everyone that the bottom line is business, not human rights. China, however, still has a long way to go in learning that free markets and repressive politics cannot coexist for ever without one or the other cracking under the strain.



What a joke... on us

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

like him would become voluntary social workers among Gaza's poor.

It was part of Perea's "New Middle East," and it went disastrously wrong from the outset.

Israeli intelligence circles, their traditional sources of information uprooted by the policy of relying on a hostile PLO, found them-

The Palestinians had a good laugh over the notion that Arafat's security chiefs would warn Israel in advance about terror attacks

selves hamstrung.

Nowhere was their embarrassment clearer than when soldier Nachshon Wachman was kidnapped in October 1994. With their informants gagged, the GSS had no idea where Wachman was "being held captive. A flustered Rabin, taking a shot in the dark, announced that the soldier was a prisoner in Gaza.

Finally the GSS located Wachman, held captive near his Jerusalem home. The soldier was killed before his would-be rescuers stormed the house.

THE policy of relying on Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's security chief, and on Mohammed Dahlan, his counterintelligence commander for information, could not work. In fact, it was a major joke among the Palestinians.

This goes far in explaining why suicide bombers could strike where and when least expected. And still the naive belief persisted that Arafat's chiefs would warn us in advance about terrorist attacks.

In addition, the sudden elimination of a prime source of information from the West Bank reaching the GSS was demoralizing, affecting the Mossad, and military intelligence too.

Knowing all this, it seems beyond belief that, on becoming premier last year, Binyamin Netanyahu did not immediately order the intelligence community to revert to the "self-reliance" policies that had traditionally stood the nation in such good stead.

True, until last week's suicide attack in Tel Aviv, there were no suicide terrorist bombings for 10 months.

But terrorists were murdering Israelis, on the roads and else-

where. If Netanyahu had taken the trouble to reread his pre-election speeches, he would have been reminded of his insistence that Arafat had a pact with Hamas and Islamic Jihad whereby suicide bombings would not be employed as long as the Israeli government gave him everything he wanted.

Arafat made his future intentions crystal-clear in giving the green light for an attack on Israeli soldiers when Netanyahu ordered the exit of the controversial Western Wall Tunnel opened without consulting him. The shooting mobs were organized by Rajoub and Dahlan — just as they have been doing now with stones and firebombs in Hebron and Bethlehem.

The frustrated anger felt by our intelligence chiefs burst out after last Friday's attack. Said Moshe Ya'alon, military intelligence chief, with a soldier's bluntness: "Arafat gave the green light for suicide bombing attacks." He added that Rajoub had incited and directed the rioting in Hebron and other cities.

Israeli intelligence officers knew that former convicted terrorists, released prematurely from Israeli prisons to appease Arafat, organized and led the rioting. Palestinian police, sent in as a gesture so as to appear to be restoring order, were astonished to discover their own comrades in the front line, hurling rocks and urging on the local youth to acts of "heroism."

The Israeli defense minister and chief of staff, among those still suffering from the illusion that Arafat is a good chap, called on him to ensure that there would be no more terrorist attacks. They were probably still hoping that Palestinian security chiefs would act like gentlemen, and honor agreements.

But Arafat's double game was clear, proven by the release of some 120 fundamentalist prisoners days before the riots erupted. Among them was major Hamas figure Ibrahim Makadmeh, who promptly applauded the killing of Jewish women in Tel Aviv.

It was claimed in Gaza that Makadmeh had been rearrested, although Israeli security sources have no proof of this. In any event, Palestinian prisons are as porous as sponges.

There is no doubt that Arafat has unleashed the hounds of terror — and he has no intention of reigning them in.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

For faith

NINA SHEA

Recently Dustin Hoffman, Goldie Hawn, Oliver Stone and 30 other Hollywood celebrities placed open letters in the European press slamming Germany's exclusion of Scientologists from government jobs and a boycott of Scientology Tom Cruise's movie *Mission Impossible*. They drew exaggerated parallels between the campaign against the Scientologists and the treatment of the Jews by Nazi Germany.

The impact was instant. The day the ads appeared, the State Department's Nicholas Burns announced: "We believe that the members of the Church of Scientology have a right to practice their religion... In... all countries."

Unfortunately, Hollywood is selective in its campaigns for religious freedom. The most persecuted religious group in the world today, one that is suffering not just discrimination and bigotry but the real terror of torture, imprisonment and death, has been all but ignored by US policy- and opinion-makers and media.

That group is Christians. Christian minorities living in the remnant Communist countries and in societies where radical politicized Islamic movements hold sway are facing intensifying oppression purely for reasons of faith. Their plight makes Germany's restrictions on Scientology pale by comparison.

Consider: Sudan is waging jihad against its Christian and non-Muslim populations. Government troops "razed" Christian villages, massacring the men and selling the women and children into slavery. Independent human rights assessors say the campaign against the Christians in the Nuba mountain region has reached "genocidal proportions."

Saudi Arabia completely bans

The world's most persecuted religious group is being ignored

Christianity and all its vestiges; religious police raid private homes in search of secret worship services.

Egypt's Coptic community is vanishing under a violent onslaught by Moslem extremists. Tens of thousands of Coptic Christians were forced to flee or convert to Islam after large mobs of fanatical Moslem youths laid waste their villages in Upper Egypt in early 1996.

In China, as many as 60 million Christians refuse to join churches controlled by the atheist government, and daily risk their lives and liberty to worship in underground house-churches. Thousands of underground Christians, including two Catholic bishops, are in China's religious gulag. Chinese Catholics and Protestants say 1996 was their worst year since the Mao period.

Vietnam tortures and imprisons popular Protestant pastors for "disseminating religious propaganda," bars the Vatican from making key episcopal appointments, and sharply limits graduation from the Catholic seminary.

Iran, Pakistan, Algeria, Nigeria, North Korea, Cuba, Laos, Uzbekistan — the list of countries where Christians are under siege is long.

A YEAR ago prominent US Christian leaders launched a vigorous campaign to get their government to address this persecution.

The National Association of Evangelicals issued a "statement of conscience" declaring "dis-may that the US government has been indifferent to its obligation to speak out against the reigns of terror... against Christians." It called for the president to implement a list of concrete reforms to ensure concern for persecuted Christians in US foreign and immigration policy. Little has been done.

The Pope also has repeatedly condemned religious persecution of Christians, and in December the US Catholic bishops appealed to the secretary of state regarding atrocities committed against Christians by China. They never received a reply.

In September, both houses of Congress took up the cause in a bipartisan consensus by adopting resolutions "condemning the egregious human rights abuses and denials of religious liberty to Christians," and calling on the president's foreign policy to reflect this reality. These, too, have failed to attract attention.

(Los Angeles Times)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RAMAT AVIV MALL

Sir, — In regard to the reaction of Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and the "secular" lobby to the much-discussed Ramat Aviv mall, I would like to know if they have stopped to consider, or bothered to ask how the residents of Ramat Aviv/Neveh Avivim feel about the opening of this complex.

We managed to postpone the start of this huge complex, (which is situated in a pleasant, peaceful residential area) for two years, because we were concerned about our quality of life, not only on Shabbat, but all through the week, and particularly concerned about the increase of traffic along Tagore Street, which is the only access to our neighborhood. The fact that the mall will be closed on Shabbat means that we can look forward to some respite from the constant stream of traffic which threatens to engulf us.

If Mr. Milo could tackle the growing traffic and parking problems which confront Tel Aviv citizens with the same fervor he is using to voice his disagreement with those who consider Shabbat important, he might yet earn himself a place in history!

RUTH STARK
Tel Aviv.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Sir, — "Haredim harass Jehovah's Witnesses" in big letters on the front page of *The Jerusalem Post* of March 13 is the most biased attitude ever expressed. In the two-column article by Haim Shapiro, there were three lines admitting that the "Witnesses" do missionary work, their "religious duty" — so why aren't they the "guilty" and not the haredim who object to it?

Haim, stick to reports on what you and your companion eat, and leave the haredim alone.

ANNA RUBIN
Jerusalem.

LEAVING A MARK

Sir, — Recently I visited the tombs of the great leaders of the nation at Mount Herzl and I have noticed that on their gravestones, there is no information whatsoever about the legendary service to the State of Israel. It appears to me that this landmark is a historical sight which is to serve and keep informed future generations to come.

On the way back to my car, I noticed that many trees have a plaque next to them with much more information than the tombs. I think this should be corrected.

NEHEMIA HASAK
Highland Park, Illinois.

GREEN LIGHT?

Sir, — In the *Post* of March 23, ("US to Arafat: Say no to terrorism") regarding differing intelligence viewpoints between the US and Israel as to whether or not Arafat had in effect given a "green light" to terror, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns is quoted as saying that the US is "not going to debate intelligence assessments publicly."

The different assessments of Arafat as a trustworthy partner for peace who has eschewed violence versus a calculating opportunist who lets loose the hounds when he's unhappy, should not be a matter of secrecy. If the US has reasons to believe in Arafat, it should spell them out. As an American citizen whose life is on the line over exactly this issue, I demand to hear them. If the US does not have reasons, or if its reasons are wrong, then their support for Arafat over the Har Home issue, and its failure to warn him against making inflammatory statements, was in fact the first "green light."

REUVEN WACHTFOGEL
Jerusalem.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Even a dinosaur needs a little back-scratch now and then. The full-size replica of a 70-million-year-old *Alberosaurus* is getting a cleaning as it prepares to leave Canada for a dinosaur exhibition in Australia.

(Reuters)

Civic watchdogs that bite

They brought the attorney-general to court this week. They are demanding the prosecution of a host of MKs. Who are the country's civic watchdogs?
Larry Derfner reports

When on Tuesday the High Court of Justice gave Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein 10 days to announce whether he is prepared to undergo a polygraph test — or suspend all such testing in the civil service — it was another victory for the Movement for Quality Government. The organization which petitioned the court over the issue, is one of two civic watchdogs — the other is Amital — that have gained increasing clout and notoriety in recent years.

Although we supported the appointment of Rubinstein as attorney-general, we believe there should be one law for everyone," explained Michael Partem, vice-chairman of the Movement for Quality Government.

For the most part, the two watchdog organizations pursue cases of government corruption. The trial of Shas MK Aryeh Deri, the "fictitious bookkeeping" trial of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, the accusations of campaign financial irregularities against Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi, the conviction of former Shas MK Yair Levy for pocketing charity money, the mushrooming Bar-On Affair — just about every major corruption scandal of the last few years, plus a slew of other lesser "stinkers," has been pushed forward, by the Movement for Quality Government and/or Amital (Citizens for Proper and Ethical Government).

Sometimes people confuse the two organizations — they go after the same sorts of issues, and specialize in the same method, petitioning the High Court of Justice. Each also mans a telephone hotline which citizens utilize daily with their tales of official wrongdoing. The organizations review the complaints, and, if credible, turn them over to the police, State Attorney or State Comptroller, or instead choose to fight the battle in court themselves. They keep the public pressure on by inundating the media with press releases.

The Tel Aviv-based Amital, run by investigative journalist Aryeh Avneri and a group of lawyers and

retired intelligence and police officers, is currently preoccupied with convincing the High Court of Justice to order Olmert's suspension as mayor until his trial is over; trying to speed up the start of Deri's trial for illegally transferring public funds to Shas institutions (his current trial is for allegedly taking bribes); and is mounting a public campaign against a general amnesty to mark Israel's 50th year in 1998.

The Jerusalem-based Movement for Quality Government, run by attorney Elia Shraga and a number of other lawyers, academics and "free professionals," is demanding the prosecution of Labor MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer for evasion of taxes, and for a conflict of interest dating back to when he was simultaneously civil administrator of the territories and Israel's Daihatsu importer, as well as the prosecution of National Religious Party MK Avner Shaki for transferring public funds to a family-run organization when he was minister of religious affairs.

"Thanks to Amital, there's a greater sensitivity among the public to how government should be run," said Amital chairman Eliezer "Lonka" Gottlieb, an insurance agent, member of Kibbutz Lohamei Hage'tot, and retired military intelligence colonel.

"Today, whenever a government office gets a letter from the

for Quality Government's petition in the Deri case, that led the High Court of Justice in 1993 to bar accused felons from serving as ministers or deputy ministers. But the ability of public watchdog organizations to fight in the High Court of Justice is relatively new.

Until 1986, the court wouldn't even have given Amital, the Movement for Quality Government or any other third-party petitioner a chance to be heard, said Tel Aviv law professor Ze'ev Segal. Segal himself helped bring about this reform with his 1986 book, *Standing to Sue*, in which he argued that third-party "ideological plaintiffs" should have standing before the court in cases that are important to preserving the rule of law. The court accepted his argument later that year when they heard the petitions of various law professors and public officials in the Bus 300 affair involving the General Security Service.

Segal said Amital and the Movement for Quality Government have done well as a "catalyst" in the justice system — pursuing many cases that state prosecutors have delayed or neglected. "Somebody has to go to court on these matters, somebody has to take the trouble," he said.

But he cautioned that the organizations' increased activity could bring diminishing returns. "They should focus their efforts on matters of high constitutional importance, and not rush to the High Court of Justice on everything they see in the newspaper. Otherwise the court will begin to look on them as mere busybodies," Segal said, using the Movement for Quality Government's petition on the Rubinstein polygraph as an example.

(Amital may have gotten carried away when it recently asked State Attorney Edna Arbel, in her previous capacity as acting attorney general, to indict Avigdor Lieberman for slander after the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office accused the police of harassing him for political reasons.)



BOTH ORGANIZATIONS were set up in 1990, but were spurred into action by two different irritants. For the Movement for Quality Government, it was the demonstration in the "stinking maneuver" that a tiny political party had the power to determine who ran the government — something that mobilized public outrage and in turn led to passage of the law for the direct election of the prime minister.

For Amital, it was two related developments: Firstly, the huge pressures brought to bear on Avneri and investigative journalist Yoav Yitzhak, who wrote books detailing alleged financial wrongdoings by former Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Shapira and former Clal chairman Aharon Dovrat; and secondly, Ma'ariv's and Yediot Aharonot's purchase of part own-

ership in Channel 2 and cable TV franchises, which created a potentially dangerous interdependence among newspapers, television, business and government.

"This connection of interests hurt the media's ability to investigate corruption," said Gottlieb. Amital then stepped into the fray. (Both organizations are volunteer and exist on philanthropy from, among other sources, the New Israel Fund.)

With their hot lines for informants, each organization operates as a kind of fast-service, all-purpose State Comptroller's Office. "The State Comptroller's Office investigates very thoroughly, but very slowly. It can spend years researching an issue involving the government, and by the time the report comes out, the government may no longer be in office," says Gottlieb.

Hebrew University law students get credit for staffing the Movement for Quality

"Today, whenever a government office gets a letter from the Movement, it knows it has to provide a serious response."

Government's hot line. The organization engages in widespread educational activities, and has

even established a "Quality Government Day" (May 15) with an awards ceremony. It has a squeaky-clean air about it, in contrast to Amital's earlier, get-the-bad-guys attitude. The Movement for Quality Government is also larger and better-funded.

The two organizations do not work together. Their offices don't even have each other's telephone numbers. Asked if there was any competition involved, Partem replied: "Frankly I don't know that much about Amital. But our general attitude is that we welcome other people who want to improve government."

Gottlieb, however, took the scrappier view: "Naturally there's competition between us, and that's healthy. Competitors or not, they're both on the same side, both fighting the good fight."

The world's most persecuted religious group being ignored

To tell or not to tell: Sister's husband is gay

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, My sister announced to the family that she's getting divorced. Because this is her second marriage, my parents are enraged, and think she's being her usual egocentric self (i.e. irresponsible towards the children, etc.). But my sister's husband is gay — a fact she discovered by accident, though she claims they haven't had sexual relations in over a year.

I want very much to tell my parents so they will understand my sister's motives better, but she won't let me because she doesn't want anything to jeopardize the proceedings. She is also afraid that her children will be devastated if they find out. I don't know what to do about my frustration every time I hear my sister criticized by my parents.

Sister Keeping a Secret Somewhere in Israel.

Dear Secret-Keeping Sis, The problem you are having here is one of frustration with your parents. As such, it is unlikely that even the truth about your sister

would solve the problem. Apparently, your sister realizes this very well — else she, too, would be interested in telling them about her reasons for getting divorced.

Where dealing with your frustration is concerned, you might do well to follow your sister's example: exercise restraint while taking parental criticism for granted.

Dear Ruthie, My mom would have a fit if she knew I was writing to you because she goes crazy about the fact that I spend all of my time "on line." But the Internet is my whole life. How can I convince her to give me a break, and stop bugging me about "sitting in front of the computer all day long?" I mean, it's not as if I don't go to school, do my homework, and babysit for my younger brother and sister. I even take out the garbage twice a week, and mow the lawn once a month. (I told my Mom that she should be happy she has a 17-year-old son addicted to information and not to drugs, but this didn't seem to impress her very much.)

Internet Addict with Modern-Mad Mom

Somewhere in the USA.

Dear Son of Modern-Mad Mom,

You may never be able to make your mother suddenly approve of the long hours you spend in front of the computer (though if doing so ends up becoming something related to your eventual career, she might respect it retroactively).

What you can do, however, is examine your behavior vis-a-vis your family during the time when you are away from the Internet. Perhaps you exhibit certain forms of anti-social behavior which cause your mother to blame your addiction. Ask yourself whether you are generally cheerful around her, or tend to be surly and unresponsive. When you mow the lawn and take out the garbage, for example, do you make it clear that it is torture, or do you accept it as an integral part of being a member of a family?

Most parents would like to see their children as somehow "well-rounded," rather than focused solely on one interest. Your mother is no exception. It is in your power to assuage her fears about your hobby — unless, of course, they are warranted.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

Amateur 'lawyer' proves hedges are forever

By AUDREY WOODS

Colin Seymour may seem the classic English eccentric, a self-taught lawyer going to court to invoke a long-forgotten law to defend a hedge. But he won, and may have set an important precedent that will help save the rolling patchwork of the ancient English countryside from the bulldozers of modern development.

Fired by a passion for the rights of the public, the 63-year-old former teacher has prevailed in a string of court cases against farmers, government bodies and others who want to close paths, tear up trees or gouge out mines. "Petitions and reasoned letters are a waste of time," he said. "If you can write a half-page letter threatening the law, it sharpens their minds. You do not have to be a solicitor or a barrister in order to be able to read and reason and put together a legal argument."

In January, Seymour won a victory hailed by people worried about the loss of hedgerows. It was a judgment saving a 51-meter strip of ragged hedge in Flamborough, his Yorkshire village near the northeast coast.

His case was based on a 1765 law, called an Enclosure Act, which said the hedge must be maintained "forever." There are some 4,000 similar local acts

around the country, Seymour said, and all use the same words: "to make and forever maintain."

"A properly maintained hedge might last for 1,000 years," he added.

The victory brought him widespread acclaim. Hedgerows have rimmed English fields since Saxon times, and some are a thousand years old. In the 18th century, when much commonly held land was "enclosed," or divided into individual parcels, hedgerows marked out boundaries.

When the Flamborough parish council decided to destroy 51 meters of hedge to make way for a bowling green, Seymour found the 232-year-old old law requiring the parish to maintain that hedge. "The court held that these obligations are still binding today because no further act of Parliament has ever repealed them," Seymour said.

Flamborough was seen as the test case for these old laws, and environmentalists were delighted. Congratulations cards decorated the mantelpiece above a flickering coal fire in the sitting room of Seymour's spartan cottage. "There have been a lot of letters from people who have taken encouragement," Seymour said. Some, he added with a wry smile, are from people seeking free legal assistance.

Seymour gets by on a govern-

ment pension for the disabled. He's nearly deaf — with partial hearing in only one ear — and has lost his peripheral vision through glaucoma. Though he left school at 15, Seymour later earned bachelor's degrees in education and social sciences and a master's degree in management studies.

The hedge case has not made him universally popular in Flamborough, where there isn't much entertainment. The bowling green had a lot of support. "He may be a hero to some," Judge Tom Cracknell said when he delivered his decision. "But to others, I have no doubt that he is the villain of the piece and a thorough nuisance."

Seymour's recent celebrity wasn't altogether welcome, and he changed his unlisted phone number. But he was courteous and friendly when he found an uninvited reporter on his doorstep, and patiently explained his determination to see the law upheld. Between sips from a mug of tea, he described some of the tangled legal cases in which he has taken on British Waterways, British Rail, Yorkshire Water, county councils, several millionaire farmers and peers of the realm.

In his first case, 20 years ago, he halted the National Coal Board's plans for open-pit mining around his former house.

His edge is sheer determination. He spends hours wading through old documents until he finds what he needs to win. Several of his cases have involved encroachments on historic paths and other public rights of way. In 1987, for instance, he successfully took up the case of two men who had been trying since 1949 to get a public pathway re-opened.

"To win this case for them and watch them walk the 3 kilometers along this woodland path gave me more pleasure than any other case before or since," Seymour said. (AP)

ETHIOPIAN

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MK Adisa Massala (Labor) said that he had received numerous complaints from Ethiopian immigrants serving in the IDF about racist remarks and mistreatment.

"The IDF has not learned how to deal with phenomenon of the suicides of Ethiopian soldiers. The army must immediately draw the necessary conclusions, and reduce this phenomenon to the minimum," Massala said.

"We are aware of the major effort being made by the IDF in this regard, but these recent suicides which unfortunately join a long list of other similar incidents, show that these efforts by the army are insufficient. These incidents must set off alarm bells in the IDF," Massala also called on the IDF to spend more time educating the Ethiopian immigrants about Israeli culture and army life prior to their induction, to strengthen them and make

them less sensitive.

Besides banning the use of derogatory language about Ethiopians, Mula also suggested "training commanders to treat people like people, regardless of their race or color." He also suggested teaching all soldiers more about the behavioral codes in the Ethiopian community, and wondered why Belay's family had not received the results of the army's investigation of his death.

Organization officials warned continued discrimination against Ethiopian soldiers would reduce their motivation to serve in the IDF, which is currently very high.

At a press conference yesterday, Deputy OC Manpower Brig.-Gen. On Regonis said that, "In most of the cases of suicides by soldiers of Ethiopian origin, there is no direct connection to [the soldier's] military service. In many cases they were a result of weakness, or personal crises, or of the settling of personal accounts."

As an example of the last, Regonis recalled an incident last year in which an Ethiopian man, during his reserve service, murdered his wife and then killed himself.

Regonis pointed out, however, that the army carefully investigates each incident. He would not relate to Tameze's suicide, saying that not all the details are known.

Since 1993, 10 soldiers of Ethiopian origin have committed suicide.

Captain Mekonen Gathon, an IAF officer of Ethiopian origin, told the reporters that the IDF, with the help of regular and reserve officers, does its best to counsel Ethiopian youths before they are inducted and throughout their service.

He stressed, however, that the Ethiopian community does not want special treatment or to be treated as if they have unusual problems.

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will the US decide on its steps on how to contribute to the process, and on the timing of Albright's visit to Israel, the official said. He is expected to return to the US by the weekend.

The official denied the existence of differences between the US and Israel on the "green light," as reported in the Israeli press. He explained that Israeli intelligence and military authorities clearly said there is no clear evidence of Arafat's giving a green light; but that the terrorist organizations understood they had received one. There is no difference between this assessment and the US's, he stressed.

He pointed out that Clinton had immediately condemned the terrorist attack and urged Arafat to make it unequivocally clear that he opposes terrorism and is committed to fight against it. The official denied that the president had

said, in Helsinki, that Arafat was not responsible for the attack.

He also noted that the State Department had issued a strong statement on Arafat's obligation to take decisive steps against terrorism, adding that although Albright had gotten things mixed up a bit in a statement to CBS, she corrected herself within two hours, a fact that was not reported here.

A US official in Washington said Ross's talks with Netanyahu are meant to "explore with him what steps are possible, his thoughts on where things are."

Prior to last week's Tel Aviv bombing, the US had stated that it was looking to Arafat to act against terrorism, as well as to Netanyahu to rebuild the Palestinians' confidence in the peace process, including working to open a safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza, and the inauguration of Palestinian air and sea ports.

But the Washington official heaped expectations on Arafat

alone, stating that even if Netanyahu were to take certain steps, they should not be interpreted by Arafat as a reward for clamping down on terrorism, but as the logical next steps in the process.

"What is critical is a commitment by Arafat, and demonstrations in actions and in words, that he is moving on terrorism," he said. "It is critical there be an absolute and unequivocal message that terror and violence are not acceptable."

After a week of working the phones, including a call Tuesday night from Albright to Arafat, Ross is being sent because the US "feels it's important to reinforce this message in as direct a fashion" as possible, the official said.

"We've tried to reinforce this message for a week. We are very concerned about what the consequences of another attack would be. It would be extraordinarily dangerous for the process."

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BUSINESS

in brief

Sharansky to meet with Samsung delegation

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky is scheduled to meet with the head of the 19-member Samsung Electronics' delegation, which is currently visiting Israel. The delegation has met with representatives from more than 120 leading companies, as well as start-up firms operating in the communications, multi-media and defense sectors. The delegates expect the visit will generate several joint ventures.

Samsung, South Korea's largest concern and the world's largest maker of computer memory chips, recorded sales of \$84b. last year. The group, which consists of 28 companies, manufactures a wide range of goods, including televisions, computers and telecommunications products. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Suggestions for privatizing gas-station market

Gidon Vitkon, the former head of the Israel Lands Authority who was appointed by the Infrastructure Ministry to evaluate the gas-station market and suggest ways the industry could be opened to competition, yesterday submitted his recommendations to the ministry.

His suggestions include encouraging the Israel Lands Authority to market land for the establishment of gas stations, encouraging the Public Works Department to reduce the restrictions it imposes on establishing roadside filling stations and integrating the IDF into the process of building more stations. The ministry expects to make a decision within the next few weeks regarding future privatization measures. *Jennifer Friedlin*

Sale of shares in School for Tourism approved

The cabinet's privatization committee yesterday decided to approve the sale of shares in the School for Tourism. The publicly-owned school provides courses and certification for tour guides and travel agencies.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi are among the officials who serve on the committee. Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav supported the decision. *Jennifer Friedlin*

World Bank approves \$89m. loan for Algeria

The World Bank has approved an \$89 million loan for Algerian social projects to provide employment through labor-intensive natural resource management, the official Algerian APS news agency said yesterday.

The projects will target an estimated 69,000 rural jobless in four northwest provinces, the agency said. The loan is repayable over 17 years, including a five-year grace period, with interest charged thereafter at the World Bank's standard variable interest rate, it added. Algeria's unemployment is estimated at 28 percent. *Reuter*

Raff, Maor ask Leumi's share committee to reconsider bonuses

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Bank Leumi chairman Eitan Raff and general manager Galia Maor have asked the bank's share committee to reconsider the NIS 600,000 bonuses promised them for their part in the Africa-Israel spin off.

In reaction to the public outcry the last few days concerning the large bonuses, Raff and Maor yesterday sent a letter to Eli Natan, chairman of the share committee that manages the bank, asking him to reconsider the bonuses.

It is not clear whether Maor and Raff are interested in receiving lower bonuses or have agreed to forfeit them.

In their letter, Raff and Maor thanked the share committee's show of appreciation for their efforts in selling Bank Leumi's non-financial holdings within a short period and also for their



Eitan Raff

decision to allocate the bonuses. However, they said, recent events have made it necessary to reconsider the bonuses for the



Galia Maor

benefit of the bank workers and customers.

"In light of the atmosphere created as a result of various

reports on the size of the bonus and since this may hurt the image of the bank, and out of responsibility to workers and customers, and even though we think we did our best to make a successful sale [of Africa Israel] which yielded NIS 1.3b. in revenues, including NIS 660m. in gross profits which will be transferred in its entirety to the shareholders, we want you to reconsider the issue [of the bonuses]," they said.

Earlier this week, MKs representing a broad political spectrum called on Raff and Maor to refuse to accept the bonuses, while Foreign Minister David Levy said he will request in the next cabinet meeting that legislation be drafted to forbid public concerns from granting large bonuses to their senior officials.

In reaction, Bank Leumi justified the high bonuses, emphasizing that due to Raff's and

Maor's obstinacy and determination, Africa Israel was sold at a very high price within a short period of time, bringing in revenues to the government as well as high tax returns and new foreign money into the economy.

The sale of Africa Israel was completed in two parts. The first involved the spin-off of Migdal, the insurance arm, which was sold to the Italian Generali company, and the second stage which involved the sale of Africa Israel, excluding the insurance business, to diamond merchant Lev Leviev.

Raff is scheduled to appear this afternoon before the Knesset Finance Committee to answer questions on the Migdal sale. More than 50 Israeli families are raising objections to the sale to Generali, alleging the company has yet to pay out on valid life insurance and other policies of Holocaust victims.

Government to sign breakthrough procurement agreements with EU

Brussels: Trade gap with Israel should be narrowed

By DAVID HARRIS

The European Union and Israel will sign two key procurement agreements within the next few weeks, according to staff at the EU delegation office in Tel Aviv.

The public procurement and telecommunications agreements will help reduce Israel's trade gap with Europe, which the EU's representatives said is an important step forward. The trade deficit with the EU totalled \$6.7 billion last year, 72% of Israel's overall deficit, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics announced.

Israel will be the only world signatory of such a telecommunications agreement with Europe, and the sole nation in the Mediterranean to sign a procurement deal.

"We are well aware of the trade gap and want to reduce it," EU Tel Aviv counselor Michael Ryan told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

day. "We need to explain our markets more. Israeli businesspeople have yet to grasp the opportunities available. There really is great potential."

In a recent meeting, Finance Minister Dan Meridor admitted that he and his staff have to make a greater effort to explain the opportunities available in Europe to domestic industrialists.

The belief in Europe is that the EU is the most liberal market in the world, given the individual interests each of the member states.

There is increasing concern in the Treasury about local bidders' alleged ongoing failure to win government tenders offered by EU countries.

The UK-based Economist Advisory Group Ltd. (EAG) is currently compiling a report for the ministry examining how Israel's full exporting potential to the EU can best be realized.

Israel maintains there exists a proliferation of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), which obstruct its exports to Europe.

The agreements will give strength to EU-Israeli trade over and above the Government Procurement Agreement of the World Trade Organization, allowing Israeli access to Europe's annual procurement market of \$600b. to \$800b. and a \$25b. telecommunications sector.

According to the main procurement agreement, Israel will be able to compete for national and local government and public enterprise agency tenders.

In return, rules regarding offset provisions, local content and threshold limits governing Israeli state tenders under the GPA will be relaxed for EU suppliers.

These agreements will follow the Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation implemented last August.

PM: Computer will make gov't 'more accessible'

By JUDY SIEGEL

A ministerial committee for "accessible government" will be established to prepare ministries for providing a wealth of information to the citizen via his computer at home or at work or over special information kiosks in post offices and other locations, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

A special unit in the Prime Minister's Office will also be set up to coordinate all government activities relating to computerization.

The premier heralded the beginning of the information superhighway in government - "which lags behind the private sector" - at the opening of the Israel Association for Information Technology's 31st annual convention at Jerusalem's International Convention Center on Tuesday.

Addressing leaders of the computer and telecommunications industries, he said today's bureaucracy is "anachronistic" and would be streamlined thanks to on-line services, including databases and the ability to fill out forms and declarations without coming to offices.

Netanyahu said his government would give high priority to science, technology and computers. When he heard on the radio that full computerization of the schools would be delayed by five years, he said he called the education minister to assure him that funding of computers for this purpose would not be cut.

Israel was at a disadvantage when industry required natural resources, size and scale economics. But it has an unbeatable advantage in the information era, when intelligence, initiative, talent and problem-solving are required, he said.

The prime minister said he feared gaps between lower and higher socio-economic groups could grow on the basis of whether they had access to and understood computers. Unless these gaps were closed, they would endanger social stability.

In addition, cooperation on joint projects in high-tech fields among Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians could benefit everyone in the region, Netanyahu said.

COMPANY RESULTS

Annual earnings fall 68% at Clal Industries

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Clal Industries, Clal Israel's industrial arm, announced a 68 percent plunge in net earnings last year to NIS 78.7 million from NIS 246.3m. in 1995.

Fourth quarter net losses totaled NIS 14.7m., compared with a net profit of NIS 43m. in the same period last year.

The lower earnings were blamed mainly on the increase in losses of subsidiaries. Sciex, Sunfrost, Magam and Clalcom, as well as Kitan's move from a profit to a loss. The profits include capital gains of NIS 86.9m. and one-time expenses of NIS 124.1m. resulting from Sunfrost, Sciex, Pharmaceutical Resources, Zion Cables and Kitan.

The earnings were also hindered by research and development costs of companies at the start-up stage, which reduced earnings by NIS 22m., compared with NIS 11m.

Koor earnings up 8.4% last year

The group's total accumulated sales increased to NIS 12.08 billion from NIS 11.24b. Local market sales increased to NIS 7.3b. from NIS 6.78b.

Koor Industries, one of the largest industrial concerns in the country, announced an 8.4% increase in net income to NIS 587.9m. from NIS 542.1m. in 1995. The results include a capital gain of \$21m., representing Koor's share of the initial public offering of Tadiran Telecommunications.

The fourth quarter results were less impressive. Net income increased 2.8% to NIS 80m. from NIS 78m.

Revenues for the year rose to NIS 11.5b. from NIS 11.3b. Revenues for the fourth quarter decreased to NIS 2.74b. from NIS 2.77b.

Exports rose 4.4% to NIS 4.03b. The subsidiaries which contributed most significantly to exports were Makhteshim-Agan, recording an increase in exports of 24.4%, and Tadiran, especially through Tadiran Telecommunications, its subsidiary.

Operating income went up to NIS 979.8m. from NIS 971.6m. last year. In the fourth quarter, operating income fell to NIS 135m. from NIS 160m.

Koor's core businesses - telecommunications and electronics, agro-chemicals, and building and infrastructure materials - contributed 77% of consolidated revenues and 89% of operating income, according to the company.

"We plan to expand our existing activities in these areas by acquiring new holdings in industrial and marketing enterprises, both in Israel and abroad," said Benjamin Gaon, president and CEO of the company. "Our aim is for international activities to account for 40% of sales in 1997 and 50% by the year 2000."

Zim Israel Navigation Company, a subsidiary of Israel Corp. reported a net loss of \$15.9m. last year, compared with a net profit of \$14.8m. in 1995.

The company blamed the decline on the worldwide crisis in the shipping field and a deferred income tax

deduction of \$6.3m. At the start of the year, Zim general manager Maty Morgenstern was forced to submit his resignation due to the company's deteriorating situation. Shortly afterwards, Israel Corp. announced plans to implement major structural and managerial changes in the company.

Poslim Investments, controlled by the Dovrat-Shurim group, reported a 38% rise in net profit last year to NIS 38.51m. from NIS 27.89m. Fourth quarter net earnings increased 84.9% to NIS 13.5m. from NIS 7.3m.

The higher earnings reflects an improvement in most of the holding company's subsidiaries and increase in earnings from the sale of investments.

Castro, the fashion wear chain, announced a slight drop in net profit to NIS 7.27m. from NIS 7.29m. in 1995. Sales grew to NIS 131.94m. from NIS 112.24m.

Osem Industries completed the year with a rise in net income to NIS 74.9m. from NIS 74.5m. Sales went up 7% to NIS 1.31b. from 1.22b.



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Japanese yen (100)	0.846	0.846	0.57	0.61	0.5910
Dutch florin	2.722	2.722	2.53	2.70	2.7131
Swiss franc	1.726	1.709	1.72	1.81	1.7718
Swedish krona	2.273	2.300	2.23	2.35	2.2983
Norwegian krona	0.801	0.801	0.42	0.45	0.4390
Danish krona	0.517	0.528	0.49	0.52	0.5059
Finland mark	0.846	0.846	0.50	0.54	0.5230
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Holon, Hap. TA win crucial basement battles

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Hapoel Holon and Hapoel Tel Aviv, two teams with years of tradition at the top of Israeli basketball, may be mired in its depths right now, but last night both clubs played like in days of old, scoring important wins to help stave off relegation.

Holon's 75-65 triumph over Bnei Herzliya and Hapoel Tel Aviv's sensational 79-76 victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan brought back memories of both teams' glory days, and sent their rivals closer to the brink of relegation to the Second Division.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Ra'anana moved another step closer to a spot in the Final Four with a convincing 83-67 triumph over Maccabi Rishon LeZion, and Hapoel Galil Elyon continued its own march to the Final Four with a 79-62 road thrashing of Givat Shmuel.

Holon 75, Herzliya 65
Smooth foul-shooting down the stretch and the all-around play of Derrick Hamilton (31 points) were the key for Holon and The Wizard, coach Ralph Klein.

Klein, in just his third game as Holon coach, earned his second victory as his team roared back from a 35-26 first-half deficit. Milton Wagner's stuff of Terence Stansbury was a key play in the second half, sending Holon on a 12-2 burst that sent once-proud Herzliya to a computer to try to determine just how it can still stave off relegation.

Only Todd Mitchell (30 points) was on target for Herzliya, while Yisrael Elimelech and the rest of the Holon squad showed poise down the stretch, setting off a tremendous celebration in Holon.

Hap. TA 79, Mac. RG 76
Hapoel Tel Aviv fans may still be pinching themselves this morning to see whether their club really achieved their amazing victory last night at Ussishkin. But thanks to clutch last-minute defense by Gil Mosensohn and foul shots by Kenny Redfield, Hapoel Tel Aviv did the impossible.

It seemed like Tel Aviv's chances were slim when captain Dimitri Hill sprained an ankle and suffered back problems that allowed him to play only briefly, and practically not at all in the second half.

But Redfield and especially Kevin Bradshaw brought Tel Aviv from what looked like dead, when they trailed 74-69. Bradshaw, Ari Rosenberg, Redfield and Mosensohn refused to roll over,

however, and the gritty Tel Aviv club scored the last six points of the game, thanks largely to Mosensohn's stuff of Ramat Gan's Roy Fisher in the final minute, to improve their chances of remaining in the league.

Ramat Gan, on the other hand, suffered another serious blow to its chances, and now must hope to keep pace with Herzliya.

Ra'anana 83, Mac. Rishon 67
Ra'anana again played sound, fundamental ball, and demonstrated why they will likely earn a Final Four berth, one of the few times a newcomer to the league has made it to the Upper Playoffs.

Mark Brisker again led Ra'anana with 27 points, while Rishon's offense again sputtered, relying too much on outside shooting, which was spotty despite Doron Jamchi's trio of three-pointers in the second half that briefly brought Rishon back into the game.

Galil Elyon 79, Givat Shmuel 62
Coach David Blatt's club may have been playing possum for the first half of the season, when they suffered several unnecessary defeats. In winning their third straight and second on the road, Hapoel Galil Elyon looked like tigers, and appear to be getting into great shape for the post-season.

Andrew Kennedy had 14 of his 18 points early, and Alon Stein added 18 of his own as the northemers took a 45-29 halftime lead. Dennis Hopson was in foul trouble early for Givat Shmuel, but still scored 20 points, as did Gerald Paddio. However, Givat Shmuel had little to offer on offense besides their foreigners, and appear to have settled into a comfortable place safely above relegation, but far below the level they were playing at earlier this season.

Tonight, league leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv came to the capital to face second place Hapoel Jerusalem. The game will be broadcast live on Sportschannel at 20:30.

In the second game of the women's basketball finals, Elitzur Holon defeated Elitzur Ramle 74-70 in Holon to even the series between the two clubs at 1-1.

National Basketball League

Team	W	L	Pts.
Maccabi Tel Aviv	16	0	32
Hapoel Jerusalem	10	6	26
Hapoel Eilat	9	8	26
Maccabi Ra'anana	9	8	26
Hapoel Galil Elyon	9	8	26
Maccabi Rishon	8	9	25
Givat Shmuel	7	11	25
Hapoel Tel Aviv	7	11	25
Mac. Ramat Gan	6	12	24
Hapoel Holon	7	10	24
Bnei Herzliya	6	11	23

FA reject Middlesbrough points appeal

LONDON (Reuters)

English premier league club Middlesbrough had their appeal against a three-point deduction rejected by the Football Association yesterday.

The premier league had imposed the penalty after the club, £50,000 after they called off their December 20 away fixture at Blackburn because of unavailability of players.

Europeans battle for Final Four showdown

LONDON (Reuters) - After the long slog of winter, club basketball in Europe gets serious today.

It's down to the last eight with some titanic action in store to decide who contends next month's Final Four championship.

Olympiakos v Panathinaikos tops the bill with all Greece agog at what might happen.

The other clashes pit Team System Bologna against Barcelona and Turkey's Efes Pilsen against Villeneuve de France while Stefano Milan of Italy take on Ljubljana of Slovenia.

The second legs are next Tuesday with any necessary deciders two days after that.

In basketball-crazed Greece 57,000 people are potentially set to see champions Panathinaikos in three possible games against old rivals Olympiakos.

The form-book says Panathinaikos who came through EuroLeague qualifying with the best record of the lot (13-3) from 16

games, while Olympiakos (9-7) suffered several surprising reverses.

There was another setback for Olympiakos when they lost in the first knock-out round at home to Partizan Belgrade two weeks ago and had to return to the Yugoslav capital to clinch the tie 2-1.

By contrast, Panathinaikos booked their quarter-final place 2-0 after a highly impressive 70-55 win in France over former champions Limoges.

As ever, security is a major concern and 7,000 police officers will be on duty for games which many Greeks see as the true European championship.

Spanish fans beg to differ and trust that Barcelona (8-8), after disappointing on several occasions in the EuroLeague, have finally recovered the form which took them to last year's final against Panathinaikos which the Greeks won amid much drama and controversy.

Barcelona's opponents on Thursday, Team System Bologna (12-4) are seeking their best international result.

"It's the mother of all matches. Getting through this round would be a historic result," said the Italian team's spokesman Fabrizio Pungenti.

"It's a very tricky match, we're playing against a great team but we're sure we can do well," said coach Valerio Bianchini.

Serbian playmaker Alexander Djordjevic, one of the Barcelona danger-men, is more familiar to the Bolognese than most opponents since he used to play for Team System.

Stefanel Milan (10-6) who edged into the last eight with a battling one-point victory over Cibona Zagreb.

Stefanel go into their match with three straight defeats behind them - one in the Italian Cup semifinal to Cantu and two, one of them at home, in the domestic championship.

"The most difficult period for the team is ending, we have fewer fixtures and we're getting our energy back," said coach Franco Marcelletti.

"We will have to be committed against a team that maybe lacks great individual talents but that plays a very efficient and physical basketball."

Efes Pilsen (12-4) performed well at the qualifying stage and may just outlast Villeneuve (12-4) in the other tie.

The Turkish club will again look to their Macedonian star and key playmaker, Petar Naumovski.

Ice-cold under pressure, Naumovski has been the driving force behind Efes' EuroLeague assault, topping the score sheet in nearly every match.

Although weak in their back-court defence, Efes hope that the home advantage and a fully-fit team will see them through to the Final Four, in Rome on April 22-24.

Thrashed fair and square

Ireland's David Lewis hits the ball through the offside as Israel wicketkeeper Paul Smith watches vigilantly and in vain yesterday. Lewis made 28 as the Irish scored the 89 needed for victory for the loss of no wickets in reply to Israel's 88 all out. The Israelis fared much better in their previous match where they batted out their full 50 overs scoring 154 for 8, but nevertheless losing to Kenya by seven wickets. The Israelis have three matches remaining in the ICC Trophy mini world cup tournament being played in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur. They meet Singapore today, the US on Saturday and finish off with a match against Gibraltar on Sunday. The team members have been greeted by protests in predominantly Moslem Malaysia, whose government has welcomed the team despite having no formal relations with Israel.

(Tel. Ori Lewis, Photo: AP)

Yugoslavs beat Israel youth team 3-2

Result gives Israelis good chance of qualification for European Championships

By DEFEK FATTAL

Israel's youth team battled both biting cold and a fiercely partisan crowd of 8,000 European Youth Championship first-leg qualifier against Yugoslavia played in Ljubljana yesterday. The Israelis ended 3-2 losers in a passionate match full of incident against the highly-fancied Yugoslavs.

With away goals counting double, Zeev Zeltzer's talented bunch of youngsters now stand an excellent

chance of overcoming their opponents in the return match that will be played in Holon on April 16th.

Victory on aggregate will take the Israeli team into the finals of the competition set to take place later this year in Iceland.

The Israelis opened strongly, and their agility and sheer sense of purpose surprised the Yugoslavs, paving the way for Alon Kaplan to find the net in just the fifth minute with an acrobatic header.

The Israelis had two good chances

to increase their lead, before Yugoslavia's star player Marko Pantalic of Paris St. Germain managed restored some semblance of order among the hosts by leveling in the 24th minute.

The Yugoslavs continued to press forward and despite some heroic defending by Guy Tsarfati and Amos Sassi, managed to take the lead in the 40th minute, when Pantalic skillfully lobbed the ball into goal. Israel's key player Yossi Benayoun was on hand to supply a

swift riposte by way of an equalizer in injury time before the break.

The pace of the game abated during the second half, and the resulting loss of tempo tended to aid the home team's cause. A wise substitution by the Yugoslav coach paid off in the 75th minute when Garanic Amot settled the match in the hosts' favor with a shot from 14 meters.

In other soccer news, Israel's national squad held two training sessions yesterday ahead of Monday's World Cup qualifier against

Luxembourg.

Coach Shlomo Scharf was not impressed with the first team's performance in the evening's practice match against the Under-21s.

Haim Revivo arrived at the training camp yesterday evening, nursing a light injury received in Celta Vigo's 1-0 defeat in its Spanish Cup 1st-leg encounter against Real Betis. Revivo indicated that the injury was not serious and would not affect his chances of playing a leading role against Luxembourg.

Spurs, Cavs combine for second-lowest scoring game

SAN ANTONIO, Texas

(Reuters) - Baskets were few and far between as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 64-59 in the second-lowest scoring game in modern NBA history on Tuesday.

Since the inception of the shot clock in 1954 only one game has featured fewer combined points and that was in 1955 - a 62-57 win by the Boston Celtics over the Milwaukee Hawks.

Vernon Maxwell and Avery

Johnson scored 10 points apiece for the Spurs, who made just two field goals in the fourth quarter when San Antonio outscored Cleveland 11-10, eclipsing the record low of 23 combined points, set four times.

Tyrone Hill, who had two of Cleveland's three fourth-quarter buckets, led the Cavs with 16 points.

San Antonio went nearly eight minutes without scoring in the laughable fourth quarter. But

during that time Cleveland could manage only a pair of layups by Hill.

The Spurs shot 37 percent (25-for-67) from the field, while Cleveland missed 55 shots, going 25-for-80 - the lowest shooting percentage (31%) ever allowed by the Spurs.

"I don't care if we score 23 points as long as the other team has 21," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

In Chicago, Steve Kerr and

Michael Jordan scored 20 points each as the Bulls edged the Dallas Mavericks 94-92.

Dennis Rodman grabbed 21 rebounds for the Bulls, who reached 60 wins. Chicago must go 10-3 in their last 13 games to reach 70 victories for the second successive season.

Michael Finley led Dallas, scoring 18 of his 28 points in the first half, which ended in a 52-52 tie.

Dallas led 78-71 entering the

fourth quarter, but Chicago went on a 15-2 tear, sparked by a pair of Kerr three-pointers.

Rodman sprained a ligament in his left knee in the game and will likely miss the rest of the regular NBA season, a Bulls' spokesman said yesterday.

Tuesday's games: Indiana 98, Toronto 84; Orlando 114, Sacramento 103; Atlanta 96, Portland 89; San Antonio 64, Cleveland 59; Houston 112, Minnesota 103; Chicago 94, Dallas 92; Phoenix 117, Milwaukee 112; L.A. Clippers 118, Vancouver 104; OT: Seattle 126, Golden State 89.

Roy posts 37th career shutout as Avalanche crack 100 points

HARTFORD, Conn. (Reuters)

Patrick Roy faced 46 shots and stopped them all as the Colorado Avalanche blanked the Hartford Whalers 4-0 Tuesday to become the first team in the National Hockey League to crack 100 points.

Peter Forsberg and Valeri Kamensky each notched goal number 23 as Colorado improved to 46-19-9 for a league-leading 101 points.

Roy picked up his league-best 36th victory with his 37th career shutout. His seven shutouts this sea-

son tied him with Phoenix's Nikolai Khabibulin for the league lead.

Roy was especially sharp in the first period when he was tested 23 times, while the Avalanche scored twice on just eight shots on goal.

"They came out and played with a great deal of urgency," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said of Hartford's first-period effort.

The Whalers outshot Colorado 46-28, but lost their sixth straight game.

Tuesday's games: Colorado 4, Hartford 0; Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3; Washington 3, St. Louis 2; Tampa Bay 5, Ottawa 0; Calgary 3, Anaheim 2.

FIFA widens Bosman transfer rules to cover non-Europeans

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA amended its rules yesterday to allow players of all nationalities to move on free transfers under the Bosman regulations so long as they play in European Union nations.

That means stars such as Brazil's Ronaldo, George Weah of Liberia and Colombia's Faustino Asprilla come into line with players born in EU countries. Once they are out of contract, the clubs they move to no longer have to pay a transfer fee.

FIFA said in a statement that players of all nationalities within the EU now will be treated the same way.

"A compensation fee no longer be paid between clubs in EU countries if the relevant player's contract has expired, irrespective of the player's nationality," FIFA said.

The original rule came into existence 15 months ago after Belgian soccer player Jean-Marc Bosman successfully gained a court ruling against his club, FC Liege, that it should not receive a transfer fee because his contract had ended.

It was a ruling that caused mayhem in transfer dealing in Europe where clubs had always had the

power to demand huge transfer fees. But it only applied to players born in the 15 EU countries as well as the three affiliated nations: Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein.

Now it has been widened to cover players who are not from EU countries.

Ronaldo has a long contract with Barcelona although there is speculation that it may be bought out.

England's Newcastle and Weah's contract with AC Milan runs through June 1999 so they are a long way off from a Bosman-style transfer.

But Nigerian star Nwankwo Kanu moved from Ajax, Amsterdam, to Inter Milan for a \$2 million transfer fee last summer when he was out of contract. Under the amended rule, Ajax wouldn't have received a cent.

A new ruling will not affect players moving to or from countries outside the EU bloc.

Clubs within the EU who hire players from, for example, Russian or Romanian clubs, will have to pay transfer fees even if they are out of contract.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Maxim Shostakovich conducts the works of his father, Dmitri, in the current program of subscription concerts of the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra. He conducts the *Chamber Symphony Op. 110a*, the second piano concerto (with soloist Revital Hachamov) and the third ballet suite composed by his father, as well as Prokofiev's first symphony and Mussorgsky's *Dawn on Moscow River*. Saturday, Monday, and April 2, 3, 5 in Ra'anana (9).

The Jerusalem Contemporary Players, under the baton of Pascal Rophe, perform works by Dallapiccola, Duspina and Berio. Saturday (9) at the Tel Aviv Museum and Sunday (7) at the Jerusalem Music Center.

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra presents a specially shortened version of Mozart's beloved *The Magic Flute* for children of all ages (Hebrew). Tomorrow (11 a.m.) and Monday (5) at the Haifa Auditorium and Sunday (4) at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim.

WORLD MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Indian musician Shankar brings his own brand of world music to concerts at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center (tomorrow at 10 p.m.) and Saturday (9) at Jerusalem's Israel Museum.

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

Eclectic jazz clarinetist Harold Rubin puts his own texts to music and videos in collaboration



Michael Zoratz joins Amos Lavie in the Family Channel's "The Meter is Running."

with singer Jenny Tamir, and a quartet on drums, guitar, trombone and bass. The show is called *Blue Bag* and it's at the Einav Cultural Center in Tel Aviv tonight at 9:30.

POP

HELEN KAYE

Welsh heartthrob singer Tom Jones will be making local hearts go pitter-pat with a medley of old favorites and new numbers from his latest release, which is mostly the sound track from *Mars Attacks!* On Saturday night at the Cinemas Tel Aviv at 9 p.m.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Meter is Running (Family Channel 10:05) follows the adventures of a Tel Aviv taxi driver, played by Amos Lavie. In this season of eight episodes, Lavie meets an old army buddy who then gets murdered. When the police give up on the investigation, our hero decides to look into the mystery himself. His familiarity with the southern Tel Aviv underworld lands him into all sorts of trouble.

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British artist and his wife, with Isabelle Adjani, Aimee Mullins, and Maggie Smith. Directed by James Ivory. (96 mins.)	22:00 Details	Tour from France	11:30 Showbiz Today
1987 The Haunting of Lisa (1985) - consequences of murder in a small town	22:00 Details	17:00 Tennis: ATP Tour, USA	12:30 CNN Newsroom
1990 Family of Cops (1989) - with Charles Bronson (pt)	22:00 Details	23:00 Olympic Magazine	13:30 World Report
21:10 Special report on the Star Wars trilogy	22:00 Details	19:30 Soccer: World Cup qualifying game (pt)	14:30 American Edition
22:00 Cold Sweat (1993) - a retired hit man returns for one last job (92 mins.)	22:00 Details	20:30 Touring Cars	15:30 World Sport (pt)
22:40 Bitter Harvest (1992) - the haunting of Lisa (1985) - consequences of murder in a small town	22:00 Details	21:30 Tennis: ATP Tour, USA	16:30 Asian News
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Earthquakes rock Israel, Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Two earthquakes rocked the northern and central parts of the country yesterday, as well as parts of Lebanon and Syria.

There were no casualties in Israel and no serious damage was reported, although the tremors were felt from the northern border to south of Tel Aviv and as far inland as Jerusalem.

There were some reports of damage in Lebanon, where the two quakes were felt much more violently.

The first tremor shook the region shortly before 7:30 a.m. and prompted a flood of calls to police and emergency services, as well as the offices of the Seismological Division of the National Infrastructure

Ministry's Geophysical Institute.

Residents from Nahariya to the Galilee Panhandle reported the quake had shaken buildings and rattled furniture.

"My bed shook, the TV in front of the bed shook. At first, I didn't know what it was and then I realized it was an earthquake - that's when I really woke up," Shlomi Cohen, of Petah Tikva, told Army Radio.

A UN officer serving in Lebanon said: "Buildings were shaken in Tyre and especially in Beirut, where there were reports of property damage. Lamps were swinging and objects fell from tables and bookshelves. It was quite strong."

Debris which fell from some buildings damaged cars parked on the streets of Beirut, a city of 1.2 million

people. About 50 structures sustained minor damage in the suburbs of the Lebanese capital, police said.

Parents in their pajamas grabbed their children and rushed from apartment buildings into the streets. Some families in Beirut spent the morning in their cars for fear of going back to their homes. Others headed east to mountain regions away from coastal areas in anticipation of aftershocks.

"I was awakened by the shaking of my bed and the noise of breaking glass," said 45-year-old housewife Majida Hajj in a southern Beirut suburb.

Carmen Barake, another housewife at Mansourieh, a hilltop suburb east of Beirut, said: "The building danced and swayed with us." She said objects in her fifth-floor apartment were tossed off shelves and tables

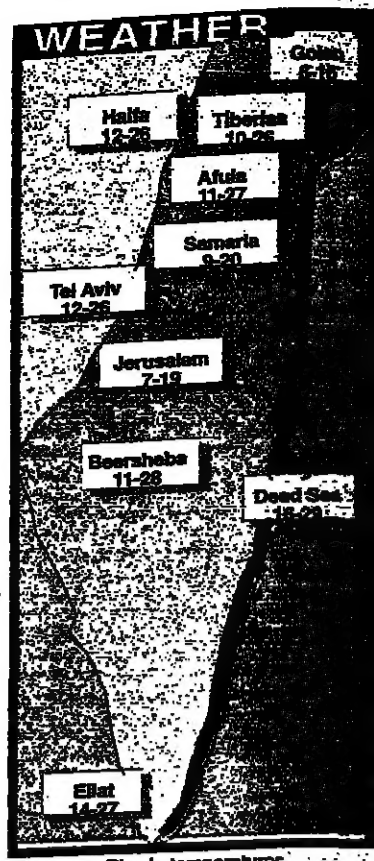
"like ping pong balls."

Dr. Rami Hofstetter, of the Seismological Division, said the first quake was centered off the coast of Tripoli, and measured 5.6 on the Richter scale.

"It was a moderate earthquake, not a major one, which happens from time to time in this region, so it was not a big surprise."

The second tremor, a strong aftershock, occurred around 4:30 p.m. It was centered closer to Beirut and measured 5 on the Richter scale. It lasted for several minutes and was also felt as far south as the center of the country, again without causing injury or damage.

Hofstetter noted that Israel is part of an area that is susceptible to earthquakes, being near the Syria-Africa rift.



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	LOW	HIGH	WIND	MOON
Amsterdam	45	55	13	clear
Berlin	45	55	13	clear
Buenos Aires	45	55	13	clear
Calgary	45	55	13	clear
Chicago	45	55	13	clear
Copenhagen	45	55	13	clear
Frankfurt	45	55	13	clear
Garmisch	45	55	13	clear
Helsinki	45	55	13	clear
Hong Kong	45	55	13	clear
London	45	55	13	clear
Los Angeles	45	55	13	clear
Madrid	45	55	13	clear
Moscow	45	55	13	clear
New York	45	55	13	clear
Paris	45	55	13	clear
Rome	45	55	13	clear
Sydney	45	55	13	clear
Tokyo	45	55	13	clear
Tyrene	45	55	13	clear
Vienna	45	55	13	clear
Zurich	45	55	13	clear

PM to ministers: Your jobs are safe

By SARAH HONG and news agencies

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had to soothe a number of ministers' anxieties yesterday, in an effort to refute a press report that they are about to lose their portfolios in order to facilitate Labor's entry into the coalition.

But a meeting with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had to be postponed and will probably only take place tomorrow, due to the crowded schedules of both Netanyahu and Mordechai, who is reported to have taken the greatest umbrage by the suggestion he may lose his job.

According to a report in *Yediot Aharanot* Tuesday, Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres already have agreed that Mordechai's portfolio would go to Labor's Ehud Barak.

Both Netanyahu and Peres have categorically denied agreeing to the establishment of a national unity government and that they already had mapped out the portfolio redistribution.

However, Peres expressed readiness yesterday to form a new government if the current coalition falls over its failure to revive the peace process with the Palestinians.

"If there is to be a new coalition with new guiding lights, I would do my best to support it and perhaps be a part of it," Peres said in a speech at a forum of 120 global business executives in Bangkok.

Peres and Netanyahu's denials did not entirely still the political rumor mill, a fact which forced Netanyahu to make the rounds of the ministers mentioned as likely to lose their posts.

Netanyahu yesterday strove to allay the anxieties of Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

The finance portfolio reportedly is to go to Peres.

Meridor said, "If a national unity government were a viable option, then my portfolio would not be the obstacle which would prevent its formation."

Livnat said, "The chances that such a broad coalition with Labor would ever become a reality are quite low. Rather than speculate about portfolios, the questions which should be asked are what the basis for creating such a government is, especially if we can reach common ground on policy guidelines."

Matza said Netanyahu had told him in their meeting that the talk about "the national unity government being in the works is gibberish. No such decision had been taken and he said I can continue in my office without any worry."

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Plan for non-Orthodox religious councils defeated

By LIAT COLLINS

A bill proposing the establishment of separate religious councils to serve the non-Orthodox was defeated yesterday in a preliminary reading by a vote of 34 to 12.

The bill, submitted by MK Avi Yehzekel (Labor), was intended to complement another bill of his that passed a preliminary reading two

months ago, which would allow only Orthodox Jews to sit on the current religious councils.

The idea behind the two bills was to allow Jewish residents to choose which council best suits their religious needs. "The Orthodox and the Reform do not agree with one another and there is no point in trying to force the Orthodox to come to terms with the Reform stream [on the same council]," Yehzekel said.

He said the bills were an attempt to preserve the principles of equality and religious freedom, while not harming anybody's rights.

When his earlier bill passed preliminary reading, Yehzekel suffered a barrage of criticism from his party colleagues. "But not one of them proposed a real solution to the problems of the different streams of Judaism," Yehzekel said.

Netanyahu scolds MKs on vote failures

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called representatives of the coalition into his Knesset office yesterday to scold them after they lost a series of plenum votes on the preliminary reading of bills to the government.

Coalition chairman Michael Eitan, who usually acts as the whip in charge of motivating MKs to vote, was absent.

MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) took exception to the parliamentary equivalent of being called into the

principal's office, saying: "It's like a rabbi shouting at his community: 'Why is there never a minyan here?' And they tell him: 'Why are you shouting at us? Shout at the ones who aren't here.'"

Among the bills which passed preliminary reading despite lack of government support were:

- An amendment to the security forces bill, which would allow a soldier demobilized because of poor health to continue to receive free medical treatment. The bill, presented by MK Ori Orr (Labor), was passed by 31 votes.

- A bill proposed by MK Anat Maor (Meretz) and MK Tamar Gozansky (Labor) which would give national insurance benefits for women unable to work during pregnancy passed by 31 votes.

- A bill increasing pensions for employees who have worked at least 10 years in the public sector and are above the age of 40.

- An amendment to the Bezek Law on billing phone calls according to the exact length of time, proposed by Silvan Shalom (Likud), which passed by 21 votes. Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan voted against.

- A coalition bill concerning the rights of terminally ill Chernobyl victims, proposed by coalition MKs Michael Nudelman and Yoni Stern (both Yisrael Ba'aliya), was defeated, but the same bill presented by two Labor MKs - Sofia Landver and Yossi Katz - passed.

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, clearly pleased with events in the plenum said: "With a coalition like this, who needs an opposition?"

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He also called on the government to end the cooperation with the Palestinian security forces and for an "all-out war on terror and the intifada." He said Rachel's Tomb should be annexed to Jerusalem to ensure the safety of the Jews who visit it.